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Money Magazine TODAY ISRAEL will not agree to take any big steps if the Syrians take only small ones, Prime Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday. Explaining his statement, Peres said: "The Syrians will want the

withdrawal from the Golan Heights to be in one or two steps, but the diplomatic relations to be in three or more."

According to an official briefing, Peres said the talks resuming at Maryland's Wye Plantation today will not include discussions on borders.

"The time is not ripe yet," he said.
Water will be discussed, "but at the level of facts, not principles."

The talks today in Maryland will in-clude military officials, for the first time since last June's chiefs-of-staff

talks in Washington.

Participants include OC Planning
Branch Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan, the
prime minister's military adviser, Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, and Syria's chief of military intelligence, Ibrahim Umar.
The Israeli team, led by Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir, ar-

rived in Washington Monday for preliminary consultations with American

During the meeting of the Knesset panel, Peres rejected a proposal by MK Ariel Sharon (Likud) to discuss reduc-

ing arms.
"So far we're talking only about the informal exchange of ideas. Discusand LIAT COLLINS

sions on territory have yet to begin. Until now they have discussed the aspect of 'dividends,' what each side will give the other. Now, before the start of the talks, I have told US Secretary of State Warren Christopher that the size of Israel's shoes is not different from that of Syria. We will not take a big step if they take a small one."

The Syrian state-run newspaper Tishreen yesterday said Syria "does not object to security arrangements that would disperse the Israeli fears and ensure peace at the same time.

"But it should be pointed out that exaggeration in security obsessions turns at the end into obstruction to the

Peres: No talk about borders with Syria an AP report.

Peres again denied reports that Israel had asked the US for \$12 billion to compensate for its infrastructure on the

Golan Heights. "But it's clear in the future that the

question of who will pay will arise," he

He said the US is interested in having the talks with Syria end positively by the end of 1996, but Israel has clarified that it will not link the negotiations to the Israeli elections. "The negotiations

have their own pace," Peres said.

Asked by MK Emanuel Zissman (Labor) whether the US was linking the negotiations to their elections, Peres said: "There has never been a friendlier

Congress and administration than the

Peres said the talks with Syria would be characterized by three main positions: that the negotiations would be independent and not conditional on any other state or the Palestinians; that an effort would be made to turn them eventually into an agreement that would include all Arab states and end wars in the Middle East; and that the

and include economic components. Meanwhile, a senior Israeli source in Washington said that to reach a peace treaty similar to that Egypt reached with Israel, Syrian President Hafez Assad does not have to change any of his positions.

final peace would be comprehensive

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Amir: I only wanted to hurt Rabin, not kill him

CONFESSED assassin Yigal Amir yesterday admitted killing prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, but denied intending to murder him. Amir told Tel Aviv District Court he merely intended to paralyze Rabin, "to remove him from his position as prime minister." at his plea hearing yesterday.

However, he added, "I have no regrets."

Since his lawyers Mordechai Offri and Jonathan Ray Goldberg had not decided on a line of defense and arrived unprepared for trial, Amir asked to represent

Offri asked the court to release him from representing Amir and Judge Edmond Levy gave him until the next session of the trial on Sunday to "think over his

Responding to the charge of premeditated murder, Amir said he had not intended to kill Robin.

"I had nothing personal against the man, Yitzhak Rabin, only against his politics," he said. "I meant to paralyze him ... to injure him ... but if there was no choice, then death was also acceptable."

Looking calm and collected but tired, Amir spoke directly to Judge Levy, the head of the panel of three judges presiding.

At times Levy reminded him of his rights as a defendant and

warned him not to incriminate

"I operated according to din rodef [death deserved by a persecutor], mentioned in the Torah," said Amir. "This was not an act of punishment which requires defense attorneys. From my point of view ... din rodef requires that the maximum be done before the death sentence. I did not mean to kill him. If he had been paralyzed and in hospital and unable to function as prime minister, that would have been sufficient."

At this point Levy stopped him from delivering a speech on din

"I am in a strange situation," said the judge. "I find myself having to explain the indictment to the defendant ... This is an intoler-

Responding to the second question charge relating to possible effort first talk native methods of killing Rabin station. which he explored - including a booby trapped car or microphone -Amir replied that such methods "entered my head, but not realistically speaking, because I did not wish to injure other people."

However, he denied conspiring with his brother, Haggai, and Dror Adani, saying they were not partners in his crimes.

He also said he did not intend to kill Rabin earlier at a rally at

Yad Vashem. "I went armed - I always carried a gun - but I knew Rabin had already left," he said. He said the same regarding the alleged attempt to murder Rabin at an inauguration of the Kfar

Shmaryahu interchange. Amir constantly repeated that he did not mean to kill Rabin. "I aimed one bullet at his back, because I knew I would hit him there," said Amir. "I didn't see where the other two went. I fired the other two bullets just to make sure. If I had meant to kill him, I

would have shot him in the head." Prosecutor Penina Guy produced four witnesses, but neither defense attorney nor Amir himself chose to cross-examine them, "since the investigation material

is not in our hands." The first witness, policeman Yoram Ben-Harush, said he questioned Amir when he was first taken to the Hayarkon police

"Amir said that hollow point bullets were used deliberately," said Ben-Harush.

Detective Nissim Dandi, the second witness, said Amir opened up fully during questioning, until we reached the subject of accomplices, when he suddenly became introverted and dried up. "He gave fine details of the

plan to kill Rabin, but when we



An artist's courtroom sketch shows Yigal Amir (center), as he stands in Tel Aviv District Court yesterday and tells Judge Edmond Levy (rear) that he did not intend to kill prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

put his testimony in writing he refused," said Daudi. The interrogations were secret-

ly recorded and filmed. Supt. Yoav Gazit of the Na-

asked him if he was prepared to tional Crimes Squad told the court how the police found books and a letter written to Margalit Har-Shefi at Amir's Herzliya home. He also emphasized how Amir was willing to talk and con-

fess, except information regard- heard Rabin had died from his ing others.

The last witness, Insp. Yossi

Gershon, who drove Amir to the police station following his arrest. said that when the defendant

wounds, he said he was "happy." "But when I said that Rabin was not hurt, he replied, 'It's not possible, I aimed at him,"

Gershon. Related stories P. 12

to the supervision of the High

In addition, the permissible

methods of interrogation, which

will be drafted by the prime minis-

ter, will require approval by both a

ministerial committee and a spe-

terial and Knesset committees on

the GSS, they currently have no

real power, Liba'i said. The pro-

posed law, however, not only gives

them the power to approve all reg-

ulations governing the service, but also gives them the right to de-

mand information from either the

head of the service or the service's

thereby limit, the GSS's functions.

However, the definition is ex-

tremely broad, since it includes

"any activity decided on by the

Another change is that the ser-

cabinet which is meant to preserve

and promote vital state interests."

vice would answer to the cabinet,

rather than the prime minister. Its

head will also be appointed by the

cabinet, rather than the prime

minister, and he will serve for a

Finally, the bill states that, ex-

cept in special cases, clandestine

searches of a person's property will

require approval from a district

maximum of seven years.

The bill also tries to define, and

Though there are already minis-

cial Knesset committee.

Court of Justice."

internal auditor.

IDF to recall, reissue all weapons held by civilians

STRINGENT new guidelines for distributing IDF weapons to civilians take effect March 1, according to rules formulated by the Operations Branch of the General

All civilians holding IDF weapons in Israel and the territories will be required to return them and undergo examinations to determine their fitness for receiving licenses to hold them in future. The reissuing procedure is expected to take "a number of weeks," according to a senior military source. Many of them will not receive a weapon in future, the source said.

The move comes in accordance with the conclusions of the Shamgar Commission of Inquiry into the Hebron massacre. In February 1994, Baruch Goldstein shot to death 29 Moslem worshipers with an M-16 rifle issued by the IDF for his own protection.

Licenses will be distributed according to procedures set by the Gun Licensing Law. A civilian who wants to obtain a gun license must meet a series of criteria, including having a clean bill of metal and physical health, having no criminal record, and having served in the IDF.

Peres: Terror leaders will stay away

LIAT COLLINS

GEORGE Habash, Nawef Hawatmeh, and other terror leaders realize it is not in their best interests to return to Israel or the territories, where Israel could monitor their actions more closely. Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

They understand better than the opposition in Israel that it's not worthwhile for them to return. From Israel's point of view, it's better they're here and not in Syria," Peres told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

Turning to the Palestinian Authority, Peres said it is showing atmost seriousness in dealing with terror, but added he is aware of Hamas and Islamic Jihad plans to carry out terror attacks in Israel.

'Any agreement between the PLO and Hamas doesn't interest me. I know that Hamas and the Islamic Jihad are making an effort to hit Israel and are not succeeding," Peres said. He added that the PA is confiscating weapons from extremist groups. While Peres denied any intent to free terrorists with

past, murderers like that have been released in return for corpses." Peres and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat are to meet today at the Erez checkpoint for the first time since the Palestinian elections. Their meeting is expected to focus on Arafat's undertaking to repeal the articles of

the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's

Israeli blood on their hands, he noted that, "in the

Other topics likely to be discussed are the release of Palestinian women security prisoners - a subject Arafat has raised in recent speeches - and the completion of the Hebron bypass road by the scheduled March 26 IDF pullout from the city.

Peres dismissed opposition complaints about allow-

ing the return of terrorists for the Palestinian Covenant revisions, and also scoffed at complaints that the PA's Abu Maazan had declared there would be a Palestinian state within three years: "What independence is he talking about? Over 27 percent of the Discussing the Palestinian elections, Peres said he

hopes the democratic process will continue. "Unlike other regimes in the Middle East, the elected Palestinians understand they have no control over the media,

He said the elections had been held under Israel's close supervision, "and it's not easy under these conditions to hold secret, democratic elections."

IDF Coordinator in the Territories Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor reported to the committee that the voter turnout was 74 percent in Judea and Samaria and between 85% and 90% in Gaza. "The high turnout indicates a failure of opposition groups," he said. The council is expected to convene after the Ramadan holy month.

(Continued on Page 4) PNC head returning to Jerusalem, Page 2

Proposed GSS law allows physical pressure in questioning, but sets limit

EVELYN GORDON

THE first law to regulate the General Security Service will still permit "physical pressure" in investigations, but with restrictions to bring the rules in line with the international convention against torture, Justice Minister David Liba'i told reporters yesterday.

Until now, there has been no law governing the GSS. This legal vacuum is problematic both for the service and for effective supervision of it, said deputy attorneygeneral Meni Mazouz. The GSS therefore drafted the current bill, which was then substantially changed by the Justice Ministry. It is now being distributed to

academics, lawyers and judges for comment, and will hopefully be submitted to the cabinet for approval, and then to the Knesset, within two months, Liba'i said. We tried to increase the ele-

ment of supervision," he said. There are limitations here that do not appear in the Landau Committee [rules governing GSS investigations.]

The bill states that "if a GSS investigator has reasonable grounds to believe that the suspect was involved in serious terrorist activity, and possesses information which it is essential to obtain immediately... [he may] use means that involve applying some sort of pressure on the suspect, if he is convinced that this is necessary to obtain information that will prevent the danger, and there is no other reasonable way to prevent

the danger." However, the law forbids "cruel or inhumane" methods, methods that injure the suspect's health. and methods that cause "severe

out of the closet is positive," attor-

ney Avigdor Feldman, who has long fought to have GSS regulations made public, told Army Radio. However, he said, the new law

is far from sufficient, because it still shrouds in secrecy key regulations, such as what methods of investigation are permissible.

6 held for suspected Call and Speak

RACHEL NEIMAN

THE Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday extended by three days the remands of two J.M. Eini Metal Industries' senior managers, three brokers from the Estrategia firm, and a bank manager, all sus-

pected of stock manipulation. Monday night.

price of J.M. Eini shares traded on the TASE rose 640% over the past six months, and volume of trade also increased dramatically.

Shami, Benny Sidon and Eli Nataf and the senior managers, brothers Menahem and Ya'acov Eini, are suspected of artificially increasing trade volume and share prices. Full report, Page 8

stock manipulation

The six were arrested by Securities Authority investigators on

According to investigators, the

The Estrategia brokers - Amnon

Tiberias teens suspected of dealing drugs MORE than 100 teenagers most of them Tiberias high school

pupils - are suspected of using or dealing drugs, Ha'amakim District police said yesterday.

The district spokesman said evidence had been collected against no less than 114 suspects, following three months of undercover work by drug squad detectives.

The operation, code-named "Solid Rock," has so far resulted in the arrest of 25 people, eight of them juveniles. More than 60 people have been questioned. and more arrests are expected, the spokesman said.

came when two teenagers purchased drugs from two known dealers. The juveniles, however, were not content just to use the drugs and started pushing them to friends, who in turn brought others to buy them.

The breakthrough for police

DAVID RUDGE and LIAT COLLINS

Police said the drugs used and sold by the teens, some of whom have finished school and are due to begin army service, included hashish and Ecstasy tablets.

The spokesman noted that the Education Ministry, the schools where the suspects studied or are still studying, the parents and the IDF had been informed.

Meanwhile, Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan told the Knesset's War on Drugs Committee yesterday that the Israeli Embassy and consulate in India had helped arrange the return of 24 youths last year after they had become involved in drug use there, and had either become ill or lost all their money.

There are currently five Israelis under arrest in India on drug-

The embassy in Thailand last vear helped return 10 Israelis and the bodies of two who had died in

related charges, he said.

drug-related incidents. Seven Israelis are serving prison sentences in Thailand for drug offenses and 15 more have been detained on drug charges. Dayan said most of the youths

had served in elite IDF units. He added that some families had also evacuated their own children without the embassies' help. Dayan said the ministry had decided to send a representative to India to assess the situation.

fael Eitan (Tsomet) blamed the educational system for the increase in drug use.

He said the ministry is also beginning to hear that some Israeli travelers to China are having drug-related run-ins with the law. Committee chairman MK Ra-

dance with the international convention against torture," Liba'i said. "It also opens everything up

pain or suffering." "This formulation is in accor-

court president, rather than the prime minister. Initial responses to the bill from human rights activists were mixed. "That the issue is finally coming



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THE government has authorized the return of Sheikh Abdul Ha-'mid Sayagh, the elderly chairman of the Palestinian National Council, to his home in Jerusalem, after having ealier said he must live in territory under Palestinian Authority control.

Sayagh, 93, who was deported in 1967, has been a vociferous opponent of the Oslo accords, saying they would divide the Palestinian people, and he opposes changing the PLO Covenant, which Yasser Arafat pledged to do within two months of convening the elected 88-member

council.

However, Sayagh's son Bassam in Jerusalem said his father's attitude will change. "All the world has, and he must, too," the younger Sayagh said.

The return of Sayagh to the capital is termed a "humanitarian" gesture and is not meant to set a precedent.

Some other deportees - like the former Jerusalem mayor Rubhi Khatib, who returned even before the signing of the Oslo accords - have been allowed to return to Jerusalem. Khatib died at age 90, a few months after

Abu-Sharif, a one-time Popular Front terrorist turned peace activist and Arafat confidante, who arrived from Jordan yesterday.

Abu-Sharif, whose home was also in Jerusalem, plans to visit his family there but to live elsewhere. He supports changing the charter now to root out anti-Isra-

"We are opening a new phase of peace between Israelis and Palestinians, a new phase of cooperation for development of this region," he told reporters upon his arrival.

Arafat said he would convene the council "in one month," after the holy month of Ramadan

Meanwhile, the council election results are continuing to raise accusations of fraud.

Two well-known candidates who narrowly lost in their districts yesterday suggested that vote tampering cost them their seats, as numerous reports of missing ballot boxes turning up hours and even days after they disappeared have cast a shadow

over the election. Zahira Kamal, a leading women's rights activist, lost a seat in Jerusalem by some 200 votes after appearing to have won. "I demand an explanation of



why the count was completed by 4 p.m. the day after the election and suddenly other ballot boxes turned up the following morning," she said on Israel Arabic

Mustafa Barghouti, a leading communist, intellectual from the Palestine People's Party, who

lost a tight race for the final seat in Ramallah to West Bank Fatah council head Marwan Barghouti (a distant cousin), said, 'The count exceeded the number of actual votes, especially in Ramal-lah. Some polling boxes took 24 hours to arrive from certain

Bethlehem University dean of arts Mannel Hassasian, who was director of the Bethlehem District Election Commission, said, "I am very disappointed with the international observers. They were not in the villages, but only in the cities, where everything

But he added, during a seminar on the elections, that while there may have been some cheating in the villages during the voting it-self, he does not think there were

any problems in the counting of the votes, which was done by reputable people without regard to

Orr: Syria talks will last longer than thought

PEACE talks with Syria are likely to last far longer than first thought, Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said yesterday.

Orr, who spoke to reporters during a visit to Nahariya and communities in the Western Galilee, said the Syrians had not yet made clear their definition of peace. "We know very well what the Syriaus want, but we don't know yet what they want to give," said Orr.

"Therefore, in my estimation, it will take a lot longer than what some people thought, although as far as I am aware, nobody [really] believed it [the negotiaons] would go quickly.
"The speculation in the media,

out many quiet activities, as well

and [to some extent] the Lebanese government," said Orr. don't have a solution yet and pre-

over whether there will be [early] elections or not is not correct and there should be no attempt to connect the elections with the negotia-

tions with the Syrians," he said. Orr was asked about the relative quiet in south Lebanon in the past few weeks. "The Syrians are responsible, but also the IDF which is continuously carrying as South Lebanese Army troops,

"They all understand that they fer this situation, but nobody can guarantee that this [relative quix] will last for any great length of

E. European officials commit to restitution MARILYN HENRY

IN a historic meeting, five Eastern European officials last night committed their states to the restitution of Jewish property.

Officials of Poland, Estonia Hungary, Slovakia and Romania made a special trip to Jerusalem to tell Prime Minister Shimon Peres and the World Jewish Restitution Organization that their governments accept responsibility for restitution of property the Jews lost in the World War II era.

However, with the exception of a school building in Estonia, no property has yet to be re-turned, although the states have signed agreements with the WIRO or passed legislation in-tended to restitute Jewish comminal or private property.

Property restitution, already a legal tangle, is complicated by constraints that vary by country. Some would require citizenship or residency as a condition of res-

Kszysztof Sliwinski of Poland's Foreign Ministry, for example, said last night that pending legis-lation stipulates that all recovered property must be used to enhance Jewish life in Poland and includes a ban on transferring abroad the assets from recovered

To those who want to reclaim citizenship, we extend our assistance," he said.

Stuart Eizenstat, US envoy to the European Union, told a meeting of the World Jewish Congress this week that progress on restitution is slow and

Reporting on a recent trip to the region, Eizenstat said Jewish organizations needed to redouble their efforts to recover the

Jewish organizations, he said, should "take a moral decision to use their own financial resources - at least until there are sufficient revenues generated from returned communal property - to ensure that survivors can live out the balance of their lives in dignity."

The WIRO, in consultation with representatives of the local communities, has been negotiating for the restitution of property and bank accounts in all Eastern European states, with the excep-

Another returnee is Bassam PM trades barbs with Netanyahu, Begin

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres and Likud leaders exchanged sharp words at yesterday's meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

"The Arab plan in the short term is clear," said Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu. "eliminating the security zone in the North and bringing Hizbullah closer to the border. The ra'is · [Arafat] has already been elected and has declared through hints that Jerusalem will be the capital of Palestine. The division of Jerusalem into two authorities will continue and you would; even bring a million refugees into the areas given to the Palestinian

Authority. Peres responded that there is ino basis to the claims and accused Netanyahu of "rumor-mongering": "It's not nice. There are

also rumors that you are forwarding a message to the Syrians to wait for you.'

Netanyahu retorted: "What could I give Assad? Acre,

Another exchange of insults took place between Peres and MK Ze'ev Begin (Likud) after Begin accused him of "going for broke, but with our cash box, not yours. You're even taking Arafat's enlogy for Yihye Ayyash

You're always busy criticiz

ing," responded Peres.
"One could think that the Likud did not go for broke with

Begin replied, "We did go the whole way with Camp David but it would take the Egyptians six to

seriousness. You have no sense

seven days to reach the Negev whereas on the Golan it's a matter of hours."

Begin also questioned Peres on the Fatah-Hamas agreement signed in Cairo on December 22, asking if the government realized that the pact allowed Hamas to attack Israelis as long as it did not do so from areas controlled by the PA. Peres replied, "I don't know anything about a Fatah-Hamas agreement and I am not interested in it.

Begin then said he realized

there was no limit to government cynicism when Peres declared in Munich 10 months ago "I am a

The exchange ended with Peres warning Begin "you are suffering from a lethal dose of states are in the offing.

of humor."

Peres told Netanyahu that the Likud leader was scared to speak about withdrawal from the Golan Heights because of the elections, but that Netanyahu would be prepared to withdraw from the entire area if he could.

At the end of the meeting, Peres said: "There is no doubt that Israel's success with Jordan and the Palestinians has made an mpression on Syrian President Haiez Assad. Although he tells ne Palestinians they have been stupid he is nonetheless full of appreciation for the fact that Israel has done everything it prom-

He hinted that after the estabof formal ties with Tunisia, relations with more Arab

A.B. Yehoshua to world Jewry: We don't need you

ONE of the country's most prominent authors, A.B. Yehoshua, had a blunt message yesterday for the world's Jewish community:

We don't need you any more. "We do not need either the money ... nor the political sup-port," Yehoshua told an assembly of the World Jewish Congress, an umbrella organization

of Jewish groups. Yehoshua said the funeral of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, attended by hundreds of foreign dignitaries, showed that Israel no longer needs help from overseas Jews to confirm its legitimacy.

"Go outside, you see a pros-perous state - a blooming state," he said. "For it to take money is a real crime."

Neither, he said, does most of Israel's population want more Jewish immigration. "How can we inject new life in the relationship?" Yehoshua asked, and answered himself with four

• End the debate on the question of "Who is a Jew?"

"A Jew is someone who defines himself as such," Yehoshua said. "Who is a citizen of Israel is a totally different question." Any Jew should be allowed to

come to Israel, he said, but there should be stricter requirements for citizenship, such as knowledge of Hebrew. · Learn Hebrew. "We don't want to talk to you

in broken English or French," Yehoshua said. "We're going to talk to you only in Hebrew. Don't give any more money to Israel. You should invest this money in Hebrew education, teachers - whatever it takes." Transform Israel into "a giving

Yehoshua suggested that Israel and the Jewish community estabfish a "learning task force" that would send teachers into Third World countries. • Get more involved in issues

affecting the rest of the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Reservist killed

A reservist, 30, from Karmiel was killed on an army base in . the north last night when a gun went off accidently, the IDF spokesman reported. The spokesman said that the soldier's had been informed and that the military police were David Rudge investigating the incident.

Postal rates up

Postal rates will increase this morning by an average of 6 percent, after the Knesset Economics Committee approved the Postal Anthonty's proposed likes. A regular domestic letter will now cost NIS 1.05 (compared with the previous rate of NIS 1); an aerogram costs NIS 1.20; and a domestic package up to one kilo is NIS 8.50. A regular airmail letter up to 20 grams to the US costs NIS 1.90 and NIS 1.60 to Europe. A domestic telegram costs NIS 18.50. The authority says the last time postal rates were hiked was March 19, 1995. Judy Siegel

Pollard to get Israeli citizenship today Interior Minister Haim Ramon will today grant Israeli citizenship and a passport to Jonathan Pollard, serving a life sentence in the US for spying for Israel. The decision was made by Ramon's predecessor, Ehud Barak, after efforts to obtain the citizenship by Pollard's wife, Esther. Esther Pollard said the citizenship would help Pollard in his efforts to receive a

Barak meets with congressional leaders Foreign Minister Ehnd Barak ended his trip to Washingtonyesterday with a series of meetings with members of Congress, including the heads of both houses' appropriations committees, various influential Republican congressmen, and Jewish legislators of both houses. Barak summed up recent developments, including the Palestinian elections and the peace talks with Syria. He stressed that unless the Palestinians show they are forcefully combatting terror and agree to change the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction, the final-Jerusalem Post Staff status talks would not proceed.

Educational Television gets budget boost Educational Television (ETV) yesterday announced a 1996 budget of some NIS 127 million, some NIS 91m. of which is an increase in its base funding of NIS 15m. over 1995. Helen Kaye

Speaker can ban inciters from Knesset The Knesset Speaker has the right to ban from the Knesset compound anyone who is considered to be a racial inciter, under a law which passed last night. . Liat Collins



MKs to discuss compensation with Kiryat Arba residents would be opposed to the governcannot stop them from doing similar to what we have now." what they want," Popovitch said.

MERETZ MKs Benny Temkin and Anat Maor are scheduled to meet this evening in Kiryat Arba with a group of residents who are lobbying the government to pay them compensation so they can leave the settlement now.

Sima Mizrahi, a 20-year veteran of the settlement who organized the meeting, said she is expecting representatives from 85 families. But Kiryat Arba Local Council officials said these numbers are exaggerated.

"We are asking for reasonable compensation to leave," said Mizrahi. "We are not looking for places in Herzliya, Savyon or Ramat Aviv, but money that will allow us to purchase apartments inside the Green Line that are

Mizrahi said she likes the quality of life in Kiryat Arba, but that the security situation on the roads, and her fear of what will happen when the IDF redeploys in Hebron, is making living there

too difficult. Mizrahi, who said she received a telephone threat when she went public with plans for the meeting earlier this month, said police will be on hand to make sure that no one disrupts it.

But Zuri Popovitch, a spokesman for the Kiryat Arba Local Council, said no one has any plans to try to stop the meeting.
"We understand their pain and

"But if they feel they have to leave Kiryat Arba because of a deterioration in security, this is an indictment of the government - which is supposed to provide security - not us."

Since the local council refused to let the group hold the meeting in the settlement's community center, it will take place in the bomb shelter of a local apartment

Popovitch said the local counall is opposed to the government paying compensation now, in the same way that Kiryat Shmona

ment paying people compensation to leave that city because of Katyusha rocket attacks. Popovitch accused the group of

looking for a financial windfall. The government's official position is that since it does not intend to move any settlements now, it will not at present pay compensation to settlers who want to relocate.

In addition to Maoz and Temkin, Peace Now political secretary Mossy Raz will be at the meeting. Peace Now has for months supported various groups in the territories who have organized and asked for compensation to leave their settlements

Lebanese prosecutor demands death penalty for Lahad

DAVID RUDGE

A LEBANESE military prosecutor demanded the death penalty in the indictment filed yesterday against South Lebanese Army commander Gen. Antoine

News agencies said the indictment against Lahad, on charges of high treason, was the last legal step before Lahad is tried, in absentia, by a military tribunal. Meanwhile, Hizbullah is step-

ping up its psychological war against the SLA in tandem with its recent wave of attacks on the force in the security zone. Hizbullah radio yesterday claimed that 28 SLA soldiers had

two months. The radio broadcast gave the names of the alleged defectors and their home villages

On a separate matter, Lebanese radio stations reported yesterday that SLA troops had entered Rashaf village, a Shi'ite village in the western sector of the zone, and took away nine lo-

There have been reports in the Lebanese press in the past few weeks, emanating from Rashaf, that some residents have been moved at night to houses near the

SLA's position in the village.

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OU president calls for emphasis on education

THE time has come for Jews to stop looking for swastikas on the walls of public toilets, says an American Jewish leader.

Dr. Mandell Ganchrow, the president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (OU), now holding its annual convention in Jerusalem, believes it is important to combat antisemitism but the Jewish community does not need several organizations to do so. On the other hand, he says, there is a need for the American Jewish community to pool its efforts for Jewish

education. "Every Jewish child should be able to walk into an after-school education program for free," he

He says the OU has a proven track record in motivating Jewish youngsters. The OU takes public school youngsters with no synagogue affiliation, he says, and after participating in the OU's summer "Jerusalem Experience" in Israel, half begin some form of Jewish education. A third of the unaffiliated youth who join the OIP's National Council of Syna-

gogue Youth (NCSY) become Shabbat observers, he says.

The youth group has some 40,000 members, he says, with another 2,000 in special programs for the developmentally disabled and the deaf. There are plans to include a program for the blind as well, he says. The OU, with 1,000 constitu-

ent synagogues, representing almost 600,000 members, is perhaps best known for its kashrut supervision, which now extends over some 20,000 products and includes the world's largest computerized list of kosher products.

The American Orthodox community also has a reputation as a staunch supporter of Israel's right wing, an impression which Ganchrow says is not valid. He describes the OU as "centrist."

"We support the [Israeli] govemment. We always have.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL



President Ezer Weizman bids farewell at Beit Hanassi yesterday to Ali Yehie, Israel's new ambassador to Finland, who leaves to take up his post there this week.

Histadrut: Rafael workers to continue sanctions

HISTADRUT officials yesterday instructed Rafael employees to continue sanctions, despite a management order not to bother reporting for work if they continue their disruptions.

Yigal Cohen, head of the trade union department in Histadrut's Haifa branch, said his office had instructed the workers to ignore management's order and to continue to work to rule.

The sanctions, which include refusing to work overtime, not answering telephone calls and not operating computers, have had a crippling effect on production at the armaments development authority.

Management also said it will not pay the workers' salaries even if they do report to work - **DAVID RUDGE**

as long as the sanctions continue. Cohen said the sanctions were in response to management's intransigent attitude in the negotiations over dismissal terms for 250 state employees who are to be

The National Labor Court on Sunday rejected an appeal by the Rafael workers and the Histadrut against the decision of the Civil Service Commission to dismiss

the government employees.

Cohen said the Histadrut and the workers would abide by the court's ruling and were now beginning talks with management, the Treasury and the commission, over the terms for those to be dismissed.

'Automatic cameras

Talks were due to take place in Tel Aviv last night and continue today. Cohen maintained that management was disrupting the negotiations by insisting, as a prior condition, that the workers accept the plans to turn Rafael into

a public company.
This would mean cutting the 4,300-strong workforce by a total of 1,200 people by the end of this

The Histadrut is pressing for these plans to be deferred by at least three years to assess the chances of running the concern on a more viable basis under its present structure.

Cohen said the Histadrut's first concern was to get the best possible terms for those to be dis-

Ministry official tries to block building objections in Arabic

threatened to reject Arab residents' objections to the controversial Har Homa building project in southern Jerusalem on grounds they were written in Arabic, and not Hebrew.

However, after a query about the language policy from *The Je-*rusalem Post, the threat was lifted and a statement released that objections in Arabic would be accepted, as in the past.

"We are talking about a senior government official who apparently missed his grade school lessons on this being a nation of two official languages," said attorney Danny Seidemann.

Seidemann last week received a letter from Eli Sonissa, the Interior Ministry's Jerusalem District head, stating that the objec-

tions in Arabic the attorney had

The objections were from resi-

would not have been presented to

Souissa, who is also the com-

sent to his office would be accepted only if they were translated to mission chairman, sent a letter identical to the one he sent Seidemann to the mayor of Beit Sahur.

dents of Úmm Tuba and Beit Sahur who oppose building a Jewish neighborhood on land confiscated from them at Har Homa, which borders the two

days after publication of a building plan for objections to be submitted to and then ruled on by the district planning commission. The Har Homa plan was pub-

The law gives the public 60

fished in mid-November. If Soussa had gone ahead with his threat, the bulk of objections

to Soussa that the "Hebrewonly" policy is illegal. Sonissa, however, never replied to the Yesterday morning, the Post

rejected, the letters stated.

"If within three days a profes-

sional translation is not re-

ceived," the objections will be

After receiving his letter, Sei-

demann immediately responded

for a reaction. She replied: "Arabs who filed objections in Arabic were asked by the planning office to translate

asked the ministry spokeswoman

"For those who refused to do this, for whatever unknown and puzzling reason, their objections

cess and make the objections

were translated by the Jerusalem Municipality, and after the translations have been received, will be considered."

The Post has learned that, after the inquiry was made, Souissa made arrangements to translate the objections into Hebrew.

Seidemann said none of the 35 objections dealt with by him and the mayor were resubmitted in Hebrew and they were not receiving special treatment – just as Arabic-language objections were filed with no problems in the

Histadrut steps up battle against Polgat in the Ouman dispute

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut stepped up its battle against Polgat yesterday, accusing it of reneging on the sevcrance fee agreement reached with the workers of the Ouman textile plant in Ofakim.

Ouman's workers continued esterday to entrench themselves. in the closed plant, and demonstrated and set tires on fire at the entrance. The workers intend to demonstrate outside Polgat shops all over the country today.

Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz, who came to support Ouman's workers at the Ofakim plant yesterday, said "We have no choice but to widen the battle and take stronger measures against Polgat, since it appears this is the only language they

The Ouman dispute flared up

again this week, after Polgat, which had reached a severance fee agreement with the Histadrut and Ouman's workers, announced that the basis for calculating the fees is 72 percent less than the sum previously agreed

In addition, Polgat stated that it would not include the premiums component in the workers' wages - which constituted 30% of the workers' pay - as part of the severance fee agreement. Without the premium, many workers' pay reaches no more than minimum wages, so that a worker with 12 years' seniority is to receive severance fees of no more than NIS 10,000.

Polgat's management yester-day accused the Histadrut of sab-

otaging the negotiations. 'New bladder' technique offers

normal lives for cancer patients

SHEBA Hospital doctors have brought to Israel a German technique that allows patients who lost a bladder to cancer to urinate through a tiny hole in their navel, without having to wear plastic

collection bags.

The technique - which is not suited to all patients whose bladder has been removed – can offer a near-normal life by rerouting urine from the kidneys into a new bladder constructed from a piece of intestine and fitted into the lower right abdomen. The patient's appendix is adapted as a one-way valve that prevents leaking. The new bladder can hold up to a liter of urine and fill up overnight, just as a regular bladder.

To empty it, the patient inserts a catheter (which need not be

sterile) into the navel. Dr. Jacob Ramon, who learned the technique here a year ago from Prof. Rudolph Hohenfelner of Mainz, said yesterday that of the seven patients who have undergone the procedure, none has suffered any of the infections common to those with urinary stomas and

collection bags. Patients - men and women - are freed from the embarrassment and inconvenience of having to wear urine bags under their clothing. They can control the expulsion of urine, instead of it being eliminated into the bag whenever it is produced by the kidneys, Ramon explained. He said some patients can feel when their new bladder is full; others merely empty it several

Histadrut demands changes in cost of living agreement

THE negotiations over the Cost of Living increment due in February's wages began last night be-tween the Histadrut and the

The Histadrut is demanding to change the COL increment agreement, so workers are compensated even when inflation is

Last February, workers received a 2.6% increase for inflation, according to the now expired COL agreement under which no COL increment was paid if inflation over six months was less than 6%. As a result of the low inflation, no COL increase was due last August and the workers received a half percent increment as an advance on the upcoming increment.

The six-month inflation figure that is to serve as the basis for February's COL increment is expected to be about 6%.

Now the Histadrut is demanding a new system to calculate the COL increment. The Histadrut's acting trade union section head Efraim Zilony said "we must formulate a new system which will provide an answer for the erosion of wages even in relatively low inflations, in order to preserve the wage agreements and not to undermine the labor relations in the country."

However, the employers insist on continuing the old COL increment system, and Manufacturers Association representative Yossi Getenyu said yesterday that the old system is suitable for an annual inflation rate of "one digit or even two digits, up to a certain point."

The two sides must reach an agreement by the middle of Feb-

ruary, if the workers are to receive any compensation in next month's pay slip, due at the beginning of March. In another development, His-

tadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz launched a scathing attack on the Finance Ministry, following reports that the Treasury is looking into raising the health tax by Peretz noted that only three

months ago, the ministry reduced the mas makbil (the tax employers pay for workers' health insurance) by 2%.
"Now the Finance Ministry is

looking for ways to compensate its coffers on the backs of the workers, whom it expects to pay for the difference," Peretz said.

The sum which the Treasury reportedly aims to gain by raising the health tax will reach NIS 2.2

Peretz added that in the past the government financed all the expenses of elderly invalids, state hospitals, medical treatment for the needy and the mental health department. "Consequently, the government today is paying less than it did in the past." He warned the government "not to consider imposing yet another tax burden on hired workers."

Peretz suggested that the Treasury cover its health cost deficits by canceling the reduction it granted employers rather "than stick its hand once more into the workers' pockets, which is always the easiest solution."

He pointed out that raising the health tax yet again would harm the lower income classes and pensioners, who did not benefit from the income tax reforms in 1994-

THE thought of automatic cameras spotting you whenever you over 500 in 1994 and 1995. speed may not be an attractive With the proper safeguards, Richter said Israel could lower one to many Israeli drivers, but such cameras could save your life, according to Dr. Elihu Richthe number of road deaths to less than 200 a year by the year 2000. Based upon the Victoria modter of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School's occupa-

tional and environmental health department. Speaking at a one-day seminar organized by Metuna, the Road Safety Organization, Richter cited a series of measures implemented by the Australian state of Victoria which almost halved the number of deaths from traffic accidents there - from 800 a year in 1989 to 415 in 1995.

In Israel, the number of road deaths fell from 1975 to 1982 from over 700 to just over 400 but since that time the number killed annually has risen to to

el, Richter said Israel should have 60 automatic speed cameras throughout the country, which could not only record speeding, but also offenses such as tailgating. Offenders would get automatic fines, relieving overburdened traffic courts, and the fines

would pay for enforcement. The campaign should also incinde massive breath testing, to fight the increasing plague of drunk driving, as well as compulsory installation of governors to limit the speed of trucks. These measures should be accompanied

could lower road deaths' campaign, to make the public aware of how they would benefit,

> Richter challenged Transport Ministry findings that the increased highway speed limit of 100 km/h had not resulted in more road deaths. The ministry had not included findings for the 10 months preceding and two months following the increase in November 1993, he said, during which there was a sharp increase in road accidents.



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Environmental groups to be able to file charges against polluters

THE Knesset passed a law last night which will enable environmental groups to file charges against polluters on behalf of citizens who may

groups to file charges against polluters on behalf of citizens who may suffer from an environmental hazard.

The bill, initiated by MK Benny Temkin (Meretz), passed second and third readings easily. "The law for the prevention of environmental hazards which is intended to allow citizens to file charges against polluters has not been fully utilized until now," Temkin said. "Until the amendment of this law, only a citizen directly affected could file charges. It was difficult to prove having been directly affected, and the

expense and bother of filing such a suit deterred many people."

Under the new law, any citizen who feels he is suffering or is likely to suffer from pollution can file the complaint, and environmental groups such as the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and the Israel Union for Environmental Defense which have access to legal counselling and of the complaint

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Activists, politicians hail Zulu peace plan

ists and politicians yesterday hailed plans for a Zuin peace meeting which could reconcile warring supporters of President Neison Mandela's ANC and the Zulu-based Inkatha.

Mandela, concerned at political murders in the Zulo heartland, last week proposed a peace plan involving Zuln King Goodwill Zwelithini, Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and traditional chiefs in Kwa-Zulu-Natal province where over 14,000 people have been killed in a decade of bloodshed.

The president will report to Zwelithini tomorrow - Mandela's second visit to the Zulu monarch in less than a week - on the progress of initiatives to end the bloodletting, Mandela's spokesman Parks Mankahlana said.

"He (Mandela) is thrilled by the progress that is being made. All indications are that this will open up a lot of avenues to making peace. He is very excited about

Mankahlana said tradition dictated that Mandela had to travel to the king of the country's nine mil-

Tradition dictates that the king is above Mandela. Mandela must go to the king. The king cannot go to him," he said.

Buthelezi, Mandela's main black political rival, yesterday sanctioned the peace plans, including the calling of an imbizo (tradi-

LONDON (Reuter) - Conserva-

new broadside against the Europe-

an Union yesterday and urged

Prime Minister John Major to re-

sist further encroachment on the

powers of the British parliament.

fiercely oppose the transfer of

more authority to Brussels, pub-

lished a pamphlet decrying a flood

of EU legislation that parliament

would be truly appalled to discov-

er that their democratically elected

representatives are becoming in-

creasingly disenfranchized in their

own parliament," the booklet, called "Dire Directives," said.

It was written by seven of the

eight Euro-rebels briefly expelled

from the Conservative parliamen-

The people of this country

had little opportunity to vet.

The right-wing nationalists, who

tive "Euroskeptics" launched a

which the monarch, Mandela and Buthelezi would be able to preach

Mandela told reporters last week that he wanted to deliver a strong message of peace at the imbizo at which complaints and demands from the Zulu nation could also be put to him in his capacity as bead of state.

"We must now concentrate all our energies to ensure that violence is stopped...I want to send a strong message of peace that we can't continue in this situation," he

Local peace workers said the gathering was long overdue. Dennis Nkosi, director of the

KwaZulu-Natal Peace Committee, echoed Mandela's concerns that a "third force" was fanning the conflict between ANC and Inkatha supporters to destabilise the government and undermine the 21-month-old democracy.

"Both parties are aware that there is some force involved in the violence. It's for that reason that it's overdue and so important that the ANC and IFP should stand up, come together and fight this antipeace element," Nkosi said.

"It's quite a major start towards reconciliation. The three leaders can actually pave the way for provincial leaders and other organise tions on the ground to continue,"



This computer illustration shows the Galileo probe penetrating Jupiter's hostile atmosphere, where it found very strong winds but little water. It is forcing scientists to rethink their theories of the planet's formation, NASA said on Monday. The probe was able to record data for nearly an hour before being crushed by Jupiter's atmospheric pressure. (Rester)

US threatens Bosnia with aid cutoff over refusal to exchange prisoners

tary party for defying Major over Europe in November 1994 and by another, Sir Richard Body, who quit in sympathy and rejoined only last week.

"The process of legislation in Brussels denies every tenet of democracy and therefore the British people cannot claim any longer to live in a true democracy," Body told reporters.

"This pamphlet demonstrates how the government of this country is now beyond democratic control," fellow member of parliament Richard Shepherd told the same news conference.

Unlike some of the Euroskeptics past tirades, this latest salvo will be a help rather than a hindrance to Major as he strives to paper over the cracks in his deeply divided party.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher is threatening to delay equipping and training the Bosnian army and to withhold reconstruction assistance if prisoners are not exchanged

Christopher said the prisoner exchange agreement between the Moslem-led government and the Serbs was an unconditional one. While some prisoners were released 'it has not been satisfactory yet," he said on the PBS-TV "Newshour with Jim Lehrer."

Otherwise, Christopher said, the Dayton accords, the results of negotiations to end the fighting in Bosnia, were being implemented well, to end the war in Bosnia were being implemented well.

In sarajevo, the Moslem-led government promised to release more prisoners of war yesterday in responseto Christopher's warting: US officials and NATO peacekeepers are keen to complete the delayed release of all prisoners, which is a key element of the Bosnian peace accord.

overnment has balked at meeting the demand until its Bosnian Serb foes provide information about thousands of Moslem men

WASHINGTON

ssing in Serb hands during the 3½-year war. Many are feared dead.

US human rights envoy John Shattuck said after talks with President Alija Izetbegovic: "I was assured by the president that he will continne to release prisoners."

The deadline for the exchange of prisoners was last Friday. The Moslems are holding back hundreds of Serbs for an accounting from the Serbs of 24,000 people missing in the conflict.

Christopher said that was not a legitimate demand "in the sense that they're entitled to keep back their prisoners until it happens." He said the prisoner exchange was an priconditional obligation.

Asked what the United States could do Christopher said, "We will not go forward with the equip-and-train unless they are in compliance with the agreement. They'll not have a right to reconstruction funds unless

compliance with the agreement." Overall, though, Christopher said he was not rest are still in iail.

discouraged and that compliance was reasonable. "People seem to be trying to comply," he

The requirement that foreign forces leave Bosnia is complicated, he said. For example, he said, some soldiers married Bosnian women during the war, and "it would probably be quite hard to find out whether or not they actually have left the country."

US military aid is important to the Bosman government although it has also signed a deal with Turkey, another main backer, for the training of its armed forces.

NATO has only until the end of 1996 to implement the peace treaty before the planned withdrawal of American troops who comprise a third of the alliance's 60,000 force.

US officials have sympathized with the Mos-leus, desire to establish what happened to those missing but NATO camot afford to miss its bight program of deadlines for the implementation of treaty decisions.

The former warring Moslem, Serb and Croat sides exchanged 225 of the 900 reg oners of war by the deadline last Friday. The

White House plays down Hillary Clinton subpoena

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - President Bill Clinton yesterday was described as confident that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will satisfy the questions of an independent counsel who has summoned her to testify before a grand jury. White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry sought to play down the public relations right-

mare created by the subpoena issued by special counsel Kenneth Starr, which for the first time forces a first lady to appear before a grand jury.

Her testimony, set for Friday in a closed Washington countroom,

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cast a shadow over one of the most important events in President Clinton's political life - his State of the Union address late last night, crafted to serve as the unofficial start of his re-election campaign. Asked about the president's

reaction to the subpoena, McCurry said: "He's confident in the first lady." Mrs Clinton's appearance represents a fact-finding step and does not mean she is a target of a criminal investigation. She has

given Starr's office sworn testimony three times but was never ordered to appear before the grand jury.
The 23-member panel has been looking into the tangled Whitewater affair and is believed to be examining whether there

was any effort to obstruct justice

in withholding records long sought by federal investigators. Mrs Clinton and the president have denied any wrongdoing, and described the controversies swirling around them as driven purely by partisan politics. Her summons before the panel was prompted by the Jan. 4 discovery of billing records from the 1980s, when Mrs Clinton was a partner in a Little Rock law firm and her

husband was Arkansas governor.

The records were discovered White House aide Carolyn Huber, who told the Senate Whitewater Committee last week that she stumbled across them on a table in the highly restricted family quarters of the White House They detail Mrs Clinton's legal work in the mid-1980s for a failed Arkansas savings and loan owned by the Chintons' business partner in the Whitewater land development project.

Austria asks why its leaders were unaware of US arsenals

British right-wingers

attack EU once again

VIENNA (Reuter) - Austrian media expressed surprise yesterday that leaders were unaware of secret US arms caches hidden around country as part of contingency plans for a Soviet advance on Austria after World War II.

Historians argued that the storage of rifles, pistols and grenades in 79 so-far undisclosed locations was carried out with the full knowledge, and collaboration, of the post-1945 government of chancellor Leopold Figl. "It seems unimaginable that information about the US arms depots had not been passed on at government level since Figl," the daily Die

the arsenals existed but not necessarily where they were hidden or what Austria's current chancellor Franz Vranitzky was informed of the caches on Saturday by the US ambassador. The sofitly-spoken chancellor

responded with uncharacteristic bluntness. "It is not in keeping with the excellent relations between our countries that we should only hear of the secret depots now," he said.

He demanded Washington give his government exact details of the depots, their locations and whether they posed any danger. Vranitzky said after a cabinet meeting yesterday that US experts were due to visit Vienna at the weekend to discuss the arsenals.

BIBLE LANDS MUSEUM JERUSALEM

Franz Olah, interior minister in the 1960s, said the government knew

Hostage's letter from Indonesian jungle relays fears

JAKARTA (Reuter) - A Dutchman among 13 hostages held by rebels in a remote Indonesian jungle warned in a letter from the rebel hideout that the longer the two-week drama goes on "the more we fear for our

safety". The letter was released by the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature yesterday, as sources close to the rescue operation in Irian Jaya province said prepara-tions were under way for the expected return of the hostages in a

" are still in good condition ar . we are still treated with respect. However, the more time passes the more we fear for our safety and those of the villagers. Time is crucial," WWF worker Mark Van der Wal wrote in his letter, dated Sunday.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - With

Ron Goldman's father watching

from across a long conference ta-

ble, O.J. Simpson was subdued and soft-spoken as he testified for

the first time since the killings of

The former American football

hero was so quiet at times that he

couldn't be heard as he respond-

ed to a battery of questions from

Fred Goldman's lawyer, accord-

ing to another attorney who wit-

nessed the videotaped

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his ex-wife and Goldman.

Subdued O.J

Van der Wal is one of six Europeans - another Dutch national and four British - still held in a remote jungle village by a band of rebels of the Free Papua Movement, or OPM, since January 8. Seven Indonesians were also being held.

The rebels on January 8 seized altogether 26 hostages - seven foreigners and the rest Indonesian. Last week they released 11 Indonesians and a German. Frank Momberg, as an interme-diary. This week another Indonesian was freed.

The military and diplomats have been working to release the hostages and have said they hoped to secure their freedom this week.

A key event would be another plane trip to the hostage site by missionaries acting as intermedi-

Testimony in the private pro-ceeding was to commue yester-day. Michael Brewer, who repre-

sents Ron Goldman's mother.

Sharon Rufo, said lawyers would

focus on Simpson's whereabouts on June 12, 1994, when Ms.

Simpson and Ron Goldnian were

sizshed to death outside Ms.

ask about Simpson's alibi and his

relationship with his ex-wife.

Lawyers were also expected to

Simpson's condominium.

aries, possibly today, one source close to the rescue operation

"Whether there will be any extra passengers on the way out is completely unclear at the moment," he said. "I wouldn't go as far as saying

we hope so, that would be putting it too positively, but I don't abso-lutely exclude it. I wouldn't put it more strongly than that," the source said.

The hostage letter, received by WWF local head Russell Betts in Jakarta, said the kidnappers felt their message had yet to be taken seriously by the Indonesian goverrment or the world.

"It is obviously of vital importance the world now hears about the background to the OPM struggle. So far the people feel their cause has not been taken

. Simpson testifies in civil suit

criminal charges of murder Oct.

3, never testified at his trial. His only detailed statement was

made to detectives the day after

the slayings. The jury never saw a

Still pending despite the acquittal is the civil lawsuit filed by

the families of the victims alleg-

ing their deaths were wrongfully

caused by Simpson. The civil trial

Testimony during the proceed-

ing was described as detailed, the

tone workmanlike. But tension

is to begin in April.

transcript or heard the tape.

seriously enough by the government or the international community," Van der Wal wrote.

He wrote the issues the OPM wanted to highlight beside pro-moting independence for Irian Jaya, which they call West Papua, were land rights, equity and human rights.

OPM representatives overseas had said the kidnappers hoped to highlight their demand for independence for Irian, the western half of Guinea island ceded to Jakarta in 1963.

Betts said the letter was carried out by missionaries who have, been visiting the remote hostage site by plane, and faxed to his office in Jakarta yesterday.

He said other letters had been sent to Europe. He gave no details but said the contents were

filled the offices of lawyer Daniel

Petrocelli. And he and other law-

yers were just getting warmed up.

Simpson faces four to six more

Brewer said Simpson was in-

consistent on several "fairly ma-

days of questioning.

George Burns said to be near death

NEW YORK (AP) - American comedian George Burns is too weak to eat and is near death, and the gravity of his condition is being kept quiet, New York Post columnist Cindy Adams reported vesterday.

Burns, who turned 100 on Saturday, "is not eating. He is not taking solid foods. Not that he doesn't want to. He is not able," Adams reported.

The possibility is he will be placed on intravenous feeding shortly. There has been a debate among his closest as to whether this should be done. The truth of his condition is being kept quiet,"

"He is barely remaining alive." The comedian's manager, Irving Fein, said Burns was weak and "not eating much."

The columnist, wife of comedian Joey Adams, also reported that Burns is confined to bed and hardly responded to Fein and old friend Barry Merkin, who visited him on his birthday.

Burns, who was using a wheelchair to get around, stopped per-forming after he was injured in a bathtub fall in 1994. More recently, he caught the flu after attending Frank Sinatra's Christmas party, and two weeks ago, he stopped his daily trips to his Hollywood office and to the Hillcrest Country Chib

SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERT "Amore-Humore" The Troubador Quintet in madrigals of the Renaissance. January 27 at 20:30 Wine and Cheese at 20:00 Admission NIS 30; NIS 25 to Museum members, olim, students, soldiers & seniors.

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Assad, the source said, is ready now for an agreement that would include a total withdrawal from the Golan Heights, the dismantling of the communities there, the receipt of generous foreign aid, and the implementation of normalization in the distant future. Proceeds benefit The Jerusalem Post funds.

deposition.

To reach the type of agreement being suggested by Israel, however, Assad would have to change his stand, the source added.

Security arrangements in any peace treaty with Syria, the source added, would have to achieve. three goals: make a surprise attack impossible; reduce the possibility of a comprehensive attack by cither side; and establish a method for preventing any localized inciBrewer said. Simpson, who was acquitted of BORDERS.

dents from turning into a full-scale Foreign Minister Ehud Barak, who concluded a two-day visit to Washington yesterday before flying to New York, told Israeli reporters Monday evening that Israel does not rule out the possibility of future American participation in early-warning stations on the Golan, but that such a step "would not be in place of our warning .etations."

He also indicated Israel is weighing various security alternatives to ground-based stations.

Israel and Syria will discuss the merits of both ground-based and aerial warning stations, Barak

Secretary of State Warren Christopher might participate briefly in this round of the Wye talks, a senior US official said. Christopher joined the parties for a dinner on the final night of the most recent round, before he visited the Middle East. He is expected

to return to Damascus and Jerusa-

lem early next month. The US official said the upcoming six days of talks should be seen as a "continuation" of the previous round, which ended January 5.

"I see this as talks dealing with a range of issues - security, normalization, timetables. I think it's possible, with the teams that are there, to focus on all [the issues],"

thoughts and actions the day he fled from police in the nationally televised June 17, 1994, chase, Brewer said.

The questioning focused on Simpson's Connecticut golf trip a week before the slayings and his

STAY AWAY

(Continued from Page 1) Peres told reporters outside the meeting that he upholds Israel's stand that the peace process would halt if the Palestimans do not rescind the clauses in their covenant calling for Israel's destruction. Meanwhile, Likud leader Bin-

yamin Netanyahu reiterated his opposition to the decision to admit PNC members, telling reporters: "It is the height of irresponsibility to invite these master killers to come here for an unlimited stay. What [Peres] should have done is: seek an alternative site for the

met many times. Or, if he insists on bringing them here, he should let them come to Gaza for 12 hours and then throw them back out

"Instead, by this open-ended invitation Peres is signaling that he is fully complying with the stand of the PLO, which is that there will be a PLO state here. Indeed, bringing Hawatmeh, [Ahmed] Jibril, Habash, and the others here for an unlimited stay is basically an indiction that the Israeli government has completely acquiesced to a Palestinian state.

meeting, like Tunis, where they've ltim contributed to this report.



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Jerusalem marks the path to new Palestinian disputes

HE Palestinian Authority
Council elections on Saturday have ended a period of Palestinian history, only to open a new one with a different Palestinian agenda and new con-

Although the formal start of permanent status talks for the territories is scheduled for May, the debate among Palestinians is already under way.

Among the subjects for permanent solution negotiations -Jerusalem, borders, settlements, refugees - the issue of Jerusalem already bothering the Palestinians in a most unexpected context related to future ties with Jordan.

Some three weeks ago, east Jerusalem daily An-Nahar published an interview Abu Mazen had given recently to a Qatar

It is strange that little attention was given to what he said.

For the first time, Abu Mazen suggested the possibility that PA head Yasser Arafat could resign his position as head of state.

This could happen in the frame-work of a Palestinian-Jordanian confederation in which King Hussein would be the head of the confederation, not Arafat.

Moreover, according to Abu Mazen, the matter already has been discussed between the two leaders, and Arafat did not raise any objections.

Abu Mazen stressed that a confederation means a combination of two independent political enti-

NOTWITHSTANDING NOTWITHSTANDING Abu Mazen reporting that Arafat "did PINHAS INBARI

not object" to the idea of a confederation led by King Hussein, a close examination of Arafat's latest policies reveals the exact opposite, especially concerning Jerusalem.

Jordan was last week associated with two important developments: the first visit to Amman by Sandi Foreign Minister Sand al-Faisal and the first official visit by King Hussem to Tel Aviv.

The PA viewed these two events with concern. Jibril-Rajoub, head of preventive security, criticized King Hussein's visit to Tel Aviv, saying it would have been more appropriate had he first visited the PA.

The Saudi foreign minister's visit to Amman implied an impor-

tant development concerning the future of east Jerusalem. For the first time, Jordan openly recognized King Fahd's official title as "guardian of the two holy cities,"
Mecca and Medina.

The two monarchies had quarreled over this protocol for around two decades, from the time the Saudi king decided to add the title. The Hashemites refused to accept it, because it meant a final

renunciation of their ancestral rights to rule the Hijaz, as they had for centuries until the Saudis expelled them after World War L

AN INDICATION that the two kingdoms have reached real reconciliation came last month when Riyadh Radio broadcast at the top of the news King Hussein's wishes for a speedy recovery to the sick King Fahd.

Up to that time, Riyadh had ignored all messages from

Jordan's recognition of the Saudi king's legitimate custodian-ship of Mecca and Medina is linked to Saudi acknowledgment of Jordan's seniority in Jerusalem. The warm reception given to King Hussein in Israel, and Abu Mazen's statement that that King Hussein could lead a Palestinan-Jordanian confederation were hints that many others also consider King Hussein a better potential custodian of Al-Aksa than Arafat. It is worth remembering that

be left with Jordan until the end of the permanent negotiations.

This was contrary to the opinion of Arafat. Hanan Ashrawi, the closest leader to Husseini, has already developed a realistic and friendly attitude toward Jordan.

nent spokesman of east Jerusalem Arabs, has already declared that

the custodianship of Al-Aksa can

However, it must be emphasized that that the old so-called "Jordanian option" is history. The West Bank is now under the Palestinian Authority and we can refer only to "special relations" in the framework of confederation, whatever Abu Mazen's comments

THIS THROWS a clearer spotlight on Arafat's special concern over the lack of enthusiasm by Faisal Husseini, the most promieast Jerusalemites to register for impose a "national list" of his favorite candidates on voters.

Furthermore, the results of the elections in the greater Jerusalem area - namely the east of the city, Ramallah and Bethlehem - fell far below Arafat's expectations. In Bethlehem and Ramallah his recommended lists were virtually defeated.

The low turnout in east Jerusalem also gives rise to the possibility that the east Jerusalemites' behavior will fuel arguments that the PA is not wanted in east Jerusalem, and King Hussein may be the inhabitants' preferred choice.

Abu Mazen's statement in the Al-Nahar interview gains special importance, because he was recently made responsible for the permanent-status negotiations.

EU slams

UK over

expulsion

he European Parliament accused Britain last week

rights on the altar of its eco-

In a resolution condemning

the British government's deci-

sion to expel Saudi dissident

Mohammed Masari, the EU

assembly said it was "deeply

aware of the importance of

Saudi Arabia as a source of oil

and a trading partner for European Union member

But it rejected "the idea that

concern with human rights

should be disregarded or suppressed to safeguard economic

It defended the right of

Masari, who has waged a pub-

licity campaign against the

Saudi royal family since enter-

ing Britain last year, to "advo-

of sacrificing human

Iranian terrorism in Asia

COLIN RUBENSTEIN

RAN'S global terrorist network has not neglected East Asia. US intelligence sources believe that Iran or its proxies have established cells in Indonesia, India, Thailand and Malaysia.

In addition, there have been recent reports that Iran provided funds to the Japanese Red Army and that the Abu Sayyaf Moslem separatists in the Philippines have organizational links with Hizbullah.

This has been highlighted by a recent kidnapping of American hostages in the southern Philippines, allegedly by the Abu Sayaff group.

Iran's reach into the area was illustrated by an attempt in March 1994 to blow up the Israeli Embassy in Bangkok using the same methods and equipment generally employed by Hizbullah. The attack was halted by sheer luck following a traffic accident: three Iranians were later arrested

The three were charged with lesser offenses after the Iranian Embassy publicly charged that they were innocent and their arrest was a "Zionist" conspirácy." Nonetheless, one of the Iranian suspects, Hussein Shahrisritar, was brought to trial in Bangkok in July 1995.

in connection with the attempted

Australia has not pursued the containment policy Washington would like its allies to copy and has instead developed a close working relationship with Iran.

AUSTRALIA ALLOWS Iran a US\$750 million line of credit, significantly larger than it provides to any other nation.

In August 1994, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade hosted a 15-man Iranian trade mission headed by Iranian Industry and Agriculture Minister Ali Kalantari.

The trade minister, Senator Bob McMullan, explains that Iran is a "priority market." Foreign Minister and Senator Gareth Evans went further, declining to acknowledge the strong evidence that Iran played a supportive role in terrorist attacks in Buenos Aires, London and Tel Aviv. through its support of Hamas and

Australia also plays host to a large number of tertiary students from Iran, far more than any other country in that part of the world. Most of them are on government

The US\$534 million Australian-Iranian trade relationship looks impressive and so far Iran has met all repayment requirements for its

But Iran's huge international debt of \$30 billion and the rescheduling of over \$6b. in debt payments with Japan, Germany and France make future repayments potentially very problemat-

Many international experts now believe Teheran will be mable to continue paying its foreign debts in the next few years.

THE AUSTRALIA Security Intelligence Organization has repeatedly warned that members of Hizbullah may have infiltrated Australia. The agency's 1994 report expressed concern about the threat to Australia from Middle Eastern terror groups. This almost certainly means fran or its proxies. Similar concerns were again expressed about Hizbullah in early December 1995.

Anstralia and Japan, like Britain and France, describe their policies as "constructive engagement" incorporating the hope that friendly communications will eventually moderate Iran.

results from such efforts in the t, there is little reason to hop that they will achieve anything more positive in the future.

The recent claim by Yasser Arafat's Gaza-based preventive security service that Iran is plotting to assassinate the PLO leader demonstrates the concern about Iranian efforts to frustrate the peace process. The claim was denied by the Iranian Embassy in

There is genuine interest in Asia, including Australia, in containing terrorism, Middle Eastern stability and the success of the peace process. But dubious commercial motives have undermined their engagement policies.

However, Washington's wellfocused trade offensive against Iran may lead to some serious rethinking throughout Asia and in Australia about the implications of maintaining close ties with Teheran:

This is the second and final part of the analysis published last week. The writer is senior lecturer in Middle Eastern politics at Monash University and the editorial chairman of the Australia-Israel Review.

Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi adjusts his headdress during his visit to a military base in Sidi Barrani, Egypt, on the Libya-Egypt border on Thursday. Next to him stands one of his female bodyguards.

Bahrain opposition leader arrested

SHEIKH Abdul Ameer al-Jamri, a dissident Shi'ite Moslem cleric; and seven other opposition Given the disappointing lack of figures have been arrested for allegedly inciting political unrest the government said this week.

Al-Jamri's wife told reporters police arrested him after he had spent two days under house arrest at his home in Bani Jamra village southwest of Manama.

The arrests followed three days of clashes between protesters and police, arson attacks on schools, houses and cars, and gas-eylinder explosions. A government statement said

the eight men "played a primary role in inciting and escalating crimes of rioting and sabotage ... which lately have taken a dangerous turn."

The government accused them of "spreading rumors and lies ...
inside the country and abroad"
and claimed it had documentary and photographic evidence.

The seven arrested with al-Jamri were identified as Hassan Ali Mushaima, Hassan Ali Sultan, Ali Abdullah al-Sitrawi, Abdul Wahab Hussein Ahmed, Ali Ahmed al-Jidhafsi, Ibrahim Adman Hashem and Hussain Ali al-Daihi. They include Shi'ite preachers and schoolteachers.

Bahrain's Gulf Cooperation

Council partners have pledged their support as it struggles to quell the new wave of political unrest and indicated they are ready to step in to assist if needed. The support voiced by Saudi Arabia, Knwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar was contained in a GCC statement car-

ried by the Saudi Press Agency. It recalled past resolutions by the alliance, stating members' determination "to collectively confront all acts of violence and

crimes of terrorism."

MANAMA The GCC is a security and polit- tion of a parliament disbanded in

ical alliance set up in 1981. Its: 1975, and freedom for hundreds headquarters are in Riyadh, the "of protesters arrested in the earlier Sandi capital.

The army in Bahrain, a key financial hub in the Gulf, warned earlier that it was prepared to intervene to crush the unrest, in which protesters have clashed with police and burned homes and cars in villages around Manama in t'e last week.

A small bomb exploded in a ground-floor toilet at the Royal Meridien Hotel January 17, but caused no casualties. An anonymous telephone caller said shortly after the blast: "Tell the government we can reach wherever we want to reach.'

The London-based Bahrain Freedom Movement said in a statement: "The threat of implementing martial law will have littie effect on the outcome of the events because the movement is an indigenous one with basic

demands." It warned, "Bahrain, as a small country, will not be able to avoid a disastrous conclusion if the security forces or army decide to massacre people."

The GCC statement said: "The secretariat-general strongly condemns the criminal act of sabotage at the Meridien Hotel and all the riots and sabotage acts committed by individuals misled and motivated by foreign, hate-filled parties."

It did not spell out what form of assistance would be provided. But security forces from Saudi Arabia, linked to Bahrain by a causeway, reportedly moved in when trouble erupted in December 1994 and continued for months. The Bahraini opposition says it

wants freedom of speech, restora-

NEWS AGENCIES 2% of Bahrain's workforce, are officially registered unemployed. But a US report has calculated the jobless rate at 15%.

dominantly Shi'ite Moslem Iran

More than half of Bahrain's

500,000 indigenous population

are Shi'ites. They form the island

state's underclass. The ruling Al

Khalifa family belongs to the

Bani Jamra is a typical poor

Shi'ite village. Antigovernment

graffiti covers almost every wall,

demanding jobs and the over-throw of the ruling family.

The paint-sprayed walls show the reasons behind more than a

year of riots, sabotage and arson

which now threaten to push this

"We don't need the Al Khalifas.

We need jobs," one protester

wrote on the wall of a house next

to a gravel road still stained with

burned tire rubber from a clash

Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifa, mem-

bers of the Sunni branch of Islam,

has ruled Bahrain since the 18th

Sunnis form the largest sect in

Islam but in Bahrain, the Gulf's

financial center and base of the

new US Fifth Fleet, they are out-

numbered two-to-one by Shi'ites.

out the graffiti but fresh protest

messages and pictures of a leading Shi'ite cleric soon reemerge.

They give all the jobs to Indians, Pakistanis and the

Filipinos Why not us?" a vil-

lager told a visitor on Sunday, the

Some 4,400 people, less than

first day ofRamadan.

Someone has attempted to black

The family of the emir, Sheikh

with state security forces.

century.

strategic island into martial rule.

mainstream Sunni sect.

across the Gulf.

Foreign workers comprise about quarter of the island's 550,000 population. The government claims the protesters are manipulated by pre-

Bani Jamra and other neighboring Shi'ite villages just outside the capital Manama were quiet with most people off the villages' narrow streets.

Bahrain's Defense Ministry warned over the weekend that the armed forces were ready to step in and crush unrest "once and for all" and to use martial law if nec-

State security forces remained at guarded positions less than 5 km. away from the villages of Bani Jamra, Duraz, Jidhafs and Sanabis, sites of major antigovernment protest.

Security vans were traveling on the main highways just off the vil-lages and a helicopter flew over Sanabis. But members of the 8,000-strong Bahrain Defense

Force could not be seen. An electrical relay station used for traffic signaling on the main road outside the village had been set on fire.

In Duraz, cut-down palm trees lay on the roadside. Trunks from such trees have previously been put on village main streets and set alight as barricades.

by Ramon Bennett

cate reforms peacefully" and said all the member states should fully uphold the right of asylum "for genuine political

The British government has indicated that it decided to expel Masari after Saudi Arabia made clear it could pull out of weapons contracts with Britain uniess he was removed.

The decision enraged human rights groups and opposition parties which accused the govinterests above the rights of free

But Prime Minister John Major said Masari had "used his hospitality in this country to wage a campaign to try to bring down the Saudi Arabian

regime." The non-binding European Parliament resolution urged EU ministers to tell the Saudi authorities they must take urgent measures to stop the "serious, widespread and increasing violation of basic human rights in Saudi Arabia."

Masari, who has lodged an appeal contesting his expulsion, said he was talking to his lawyers about the possibility of moving to Germany or Japan.

He said his London-based group, The Committee for the Defense of Legitimate Rights, would not be curbed even if he left Britain.

"We just bring facts to light and give them to the people of Saudi Arabia," he said.

"We could do that equally well in Bonn, New York or Tokyo."

Moslem militant group threatens to avenge sheikh

radical Moslem group threatened to attack US threatened to attend the life targets to avenge the life sentence imposed on Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman last week by a US court, the Egyptian daily Al-Hayat reported this week. The paper quoted a statement from al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or

the Islamic Group, as saying, "All American interests will be legitimate targets for our struggle until the release of Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and his brothers." It added: "As the American

government has opted for open confrontation with the Islamic movement and the Islamic symbols of struggle, al-Gamaa al-Islamiya swears by God to its irreversible vow to take an eye for an eye."

The Islamic Group has been blamed for much of the violence in a nearly four-year campaign aimed at overthrowing Egypt's secular government and replacing it with strict Islamic rule. The group considers the

Egyptian-born Abdel-Rahman as its spiritual leader.
Abdel-Rahman was sentenced to life in prison last Wednesday by a US District Court after conviction in a plot to bomb the UN, a federal building, two New

York tunnels and a bridge. Nine others were convicted in the conspiracy.

The US Embassy has warned Americans to exercise caution because of possible violent reaction in Egypt to the court ruling.

THERE WAS no way to verify the statement independently. Similar claims from the group have gone in the past to Al-

Sunday marked the first day of

Ramadan. Fearful of unrest over the case, the Egyptian government has banned Ramadan festivities in seven southern provinces and urged Moslems to confine themselves to prayers and religious services in government mosques. Police said they feared crowds of people might be attacked by

the extremists, or that militants

would use mosques they control

to incite people. More than 870 people have died since the extremists launched their campaign against the government in the spring of 1992. In recent months, most of the radicals' activity has been confined to the South, and most victims have been either police

or militants. (Associated Press) per order

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ing sights in this country over

the last 47 years or so. But one of the most depressing of all was

the sight this week of kindergarten

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The children, all of Yemenite origin, were in the charge of a camp counselor who is one of the

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from inside his luxurious prison

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Frauds and advocates

HEN an Arab journalist told former president Jimmy Carter that the Palestinian elections were so fraud-ridden they could not be taken seriously, Carter said, "If you really want to see election fraud, let me take you to Chicago."

If nothing else, the remark confirms Carter's addiction to "moral equivalence" - the insidious tendency of apologists for tyrants to equate misdemeanors in democracies with murderous enormities in dictatorships.

It is hardly a secret that occasional frauds are committed in some US election districts. But elections there in general are held in an atmosphere of complete freedom and fairness. Every seat is contested, the media are unfettered, freedom of speech is total, all candidates can campaign, complaints of irregularities are thoroughly investigated, and recounts ordered.

In the Palestinian elections voting irregularities were only part of the problem. The disappearance of ballot boxes, multiple voting, votecounting forgeries, and intimidation and detention of complainants were but a continuation of a pattern established before polling day. In the weeks before January 20, candidates who had won primaries were rubbed off the list by Yasser Arafat, the press was intimidated by kidnappings and arrests, undesirable candidates were threatened or bribed, and Arafat himself ran for the position of "president" without

credible opposition. It should have come, then, as no surprise that after the election in Hebron 40 ballot boxes suddenly disappeared; or that in Gaza candidates who were declared winners after the first count suddenly lost their majority after the second; or, conversely, that declared losers, like Arafat's lieutenant Marwan Kanafani, suddenly

became winners; or that in Jerusalem Hanan Ashrawi's initial big majority, which placed her first, suddenly shrank to put her in second place; or that only three women (including Ashrawi) were elected instead of the seven expected to win seats; or that three days after the elections the final results were still unknown.

Perhaps the most typical complaint came from a candidate who lost in Khan Yunis. She admitted that one of her agents had managed to insert 50 fictitious ballots on her behalf, yet she lost because others, she said, cheated more. She obviously had a point. In some districts the number of counted ballots was larger than that

of registered voters. If there is one thing that can be said in favor of the Palestinian elections it is that they were a more sophisticated hoax than, say, elections in Egypt. Hosni Mubarak runs with no competition. Arafat knew that by encouraging a nonentity to run against him, he would look like a truly democratic candidate in the West.

Such elections are hardly unusual in the Middle East. Nor is it surprising that Israel, the EU and the US delight in the results. They all believe a strong Arafat regime is better than any possible alternative. But it is nevertheless disappointing that international observers let themselves be used to legitimize a mockery of democracy. They did not even bother "observing" the two procedures in the voting process most susceptible to irregularities: They failed to ensure that the ballot boxes be transported under guard, and that the counting of the

ballots be supervised. Instead, they criticized Israel for having too many policemen guarding the voting places against harassment. So much for the credibility of the international community.

The Tunisian move

THE best news in many months came from Washington on Monday, when Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Tunisia.

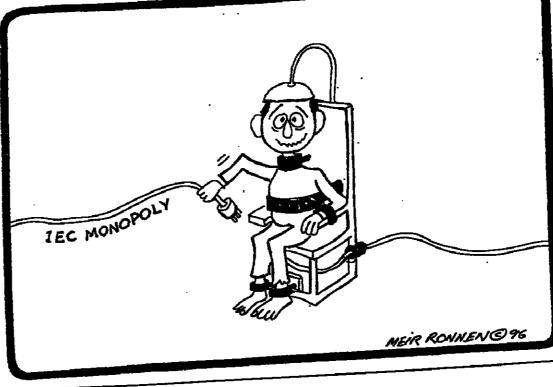
To be sure, the level of the relationship will be low - the two countries will open interest sections in the Belgian embassies in Tunis and Tel Aviv - but it is a promising beginning. As Foreign Minister Ehud Barak put it, the move "is an important step forward in the long journey to normalized relations between Israel and its neighbors."

Not surprisingly, Tunisia is delaying true normalization - the exchange of ambassadors and the like - until there is "a comprehensive peace" in the region. In the Arab world this is a euphemism for Israel's withdrawal to the 1949 lines and the establishment of Jerusalem as the capital of the Palestinian state.

Tunis thus hopes to use the promise of complete normalization as both one of the inducements for Israeli withdrawal, and as a means of placating elements in the Arab world which will undoubtedly consider even embryonic diplose. matic relations with Israel premature.

Tunisia was one of the Arab states least embroiled in the Arab-Israeli conflict after the establishment of Israel. In recent years it became more involved, not quite voluntarily, when no other country would let the PLO establish headquarters on its soil after Yasser Arafat and his army were forced out of Beirut.

Now that PLO activities have shifted to the self-rule areas, Tunisia can act more freely. That it has dared make the move bodes well for Israel's acceptance in the region. That the US has had to assure Tunis of American protection against extremists is an indication that such acceptance still cannot be taken for granted.



PNC catch in Gaza

EORGE Habash and Ahmed Jibril, two leaders of the rejectionist front, won't be coming to Gaza for the 20th session of the Palestinian National Council, which is supposed to discuss amending the Palestinian Covenant.

But they have succeeded in obtaining clearance in principle from our government for declared terrorists to enter the country.

At Israel's urging the US has been reminding Hafez Assad that if he wants to see Syria taken off the list of countries that support international terror, he will have to expel Habash, Jibril, and Nayef Hawatmeh from Damascus, and close down their offices. Israel has taken the same line with governments that play host to terror

chiefs. A few years ago our relations with France received a jolt when Habash stayed in Paris on the pretext of needing hospitalization. Israel lodged a protest, the French government apologized, and Habash left the country.

Our government's latest gesture to Arafat - permitting stalwarts of the anti-Israel clauses in the Palestinian Covenant to enter this country - merely weakens Israel's moral right to demand that foreign governments not grant such people asylum and an operating base. Arafat doesn't have to convene

the PNC in Gaza, where it met in May 1966 to decide on ways to wage war on Israel within the armistice lines. Arafat chos now not because he has no alternative location, but to pressure Israel on the right of return of even the most ardent terrorist chiefs.

Arafat might have raised the whole issue of the terror chiefs' entry to gain an excuse for his inability to keep his promise on changing the covenant; or he MOSHE ZAK

might have tried to use an Israeli refusal of entry to impress the Jimmy Carters of this world, who have been quick to buy other claims blaming Israel for PLO fail-

Among such are two or three European Jews who came here as foreign observers to supervise the Palestinian elections. Like Carter, they were fixated on the dream of a Palestinian state.

The government has effectively cleared declared terrorists for entry into the country

Carter swallowed whole Faisal Husseini's claim of it being Israel's fault that east Jerusalem Arabs preferred the benefits of Israel National Insurance to participation in the elections, which were anyway a foregone conclusion.

And one would need to be as naive as Carter to pat oneself on the back for getting Hamas leaders in Gaza to put a brake on violence during election day, without being aware of the trap in such a request. Implicitly, it recognizes Hamas's right to return to violence once the elections are over.

AFTER the elections, Prime Minister Peres claimed that the voters, by the act of casting their vote, had expressed support for the Oslo agreement. But some of those elected begged to differ. Like many voters, they still oppose

The participation of extradited Palestinians in the PNC meeting in Gaza is also no guarantee of sup-

port for Oslo. If the PNC does convene, as Arafat wishes, it will serve as a platform for negotiations between Arafat and his opponents - and the only compromise arrived at will be on the parameters of the armed struggle, not on its total abandonment.

It is highly doubtful, therefore, that Israel should be taking so much trouble to allow such a meeting, for such a compromise.

The elections were a stage in the Palestinians' struggle for the international legitimacy of their leadership. The participation of foreign observers and the wide coverage given the elections by the international media were a PLO achieve-

But this achievement doesn't guarantee a Palestinian state. The yishuv in Eretz Yisrael held free, democratic elections as early as 1920, but had to wait nearly 30 years for independence.

These weren't the Palestinians' first democratic elections either. Mayors were elected 20 years ago, under Israeli military rule. And the elections even allowed people to vote for candidates the military government did not favor.

Those elections in 1976 weren't the basis for a Palestinian state, any more than last Saturday's. What the 1996 elections did was determine who will represent the Palestinians in negotiations with Israel.

But authority and power will remain in Israel's hands - unless we carelessly abandon them. Whatever politicians from left of fig say, on January 20 the Palestinian state was not born, and Jerusalem was not partitioned.

Israel can still forestall these

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

cell. Asked by TV's Mabas team about the educational value of what he was doing, the counselor, without in any way answering the question, blamed everything on the media. This smooth-tongued ability to deflect criticism and justify the breaking of secular law as a reflection of the will of the Almighty has become the most tronbling feature of Israeli society.

It was again demonstrated on TV's Popolitica last week by one of Meshulam's spokesmen, who once more accused past governments of kidnapping Yemenite children. He ignored the testimony of another Yemenite participant in the program, who recalled how several independent commissions of inquiry had dismissed any suggestion of an official conspiracy or

cover-up. Of the thousands of Yemenite children brought here in the early Fifties, most with their parents, less than 100 remain untraceable, and many of these may have died in infancy.

The Meshulam militia does not want to drop this issue, which it vainly hoped would bring it widespread support among the muchadmired Yemenite community. This militia is fanatically loyal to its leader, a man clearly in love with the attaining of power through intimidation. Meshulam has even succeeded in intimidating his jail-

And when some of his fellow prisoners were finally out in solitary this week, they were allowed out for meals and prayers, conditions unprecedented in prison

The reason? The chief warder stated this week that never before has he been required to deal with

Therein lies the real key to the Meshulam manipulations: the power of religious ritual, before which even unbelievers recoil in superstitious fear.

IT IS no secret that religious ritual has long had a firm grip on the lives of all Israelis, religious or secular. Its ability to affect the lives of the secular has grown in direct proportion to the burgeoning of ultra-Orthodox political and concomitant financial power.

Anyone who opposes the imposition of religious rituals on nonbelievers (as in matters pertaining to births, deaths, marriages, and divorce) is vilified. Anyone who opposes withdrawal from what is recorded as God-given territory is also vilified.

The widespread hatred of civil rights pioneer Shulamit Aloni is not just about religion, something to which neither Aloni nor this writer is opposed.

While countless observant Israelis are genuinely concerned about the Land of Israel and their own safety in it, not to mention their right to live an Orthodox life, there are militant Orthodox groups both inside and outside the Knesset and inside and outside several Israeli jails - who see any call for civil rights as a threat to their political power.

Their stance, and that of the advocates of the use of the gun in politics and the use of the fist to settle tax disputes, not to mention the brainwashing of children, Yemenite or Ashkenazi, can only deepen the growing gulf between Orthodox and secular.

Caught uncomfortably in the middle are a great mass of observant Israelis horrified by the antics and attitudes of some of their more extreme brethren.

This gap will narrow only after all Israelis are allowed by law to live secular or religious lives according to their personal beliefs; that is, after a separation is achieved between "church" and

This may sound like kugel in the sky at the moment. Paradoxically, it will eventually produce the tolerance that will enable all of us to pull together.

The writer is a retired veteran staffer of The Jerusalem Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CYCLING AT NIGHT

Sir, - I refer to Tom Bradley's letter of January 9 on the "rights of cyclists." Mr. Bradley seems to have omitted one very important thing which impinges on the "rights of motorists," namely that the majority of cyclists, even in the center of Tel Aviv, ride at night without headlights or even illuminated stickers. They seem to believe that because they can see you, you can see them - something we all know is not so and which can readily cause

Over the years I have tried to bring up this matter but never with much success, and I cannot understand why the police do not do anything about this. One reads about various ways to ensure cyclists' safety, yet never once have I seen anything about compulsory headlamps at night.

Surely the traffic police can make properly fitted headlamps a compulsory condition for issuing bicycle licenses and fine those cyclists who ride without lights. L. BRAVERMAN

Ra'anana.

'PEOPLE BEFORE LAND'

Sir, - Jewish "universalists" deem the past, which overwhelmingly substantiates the Jewish title to Eretz Yisrael, to be "irrelevant" in face of the "higher" principle that 'people come before land." Yet, paradoxically, they find nothing wrong in supporting the insatiable land lust of the land-glutted Arabs for whom land, to which they have no valid claim, evidently comes before both peace and people. How will they react when, spearheaded by the newly-invented "Palestinians," the Arabs pursue their still avowed intention to "liberate Arab soil" within the Green Line to add to the three quarters of Mandated Palestine already in their possession?

Given the lack of Arab reciprocity, the Jewish ideal of "people before land" could ultimately lead to the Jews having neither land nor people. Indeed were this principle, in effect a charter of free passage for

Clacton-on-Sea, Essex.

headed Yasser Arafat surveying the

The people of Israel have many

friends the world over, who hold a deep and abiding faith in Jesus

Christ the Messiah and who are pro-

foundly anxious and concerned

about the course of events in your

country today. We, the undersigned,

are among those of your friends, and

follow closely the weekly news and

comments as reported in The Jeru-

We have always regarded your

standard of journalism as of the

highest order, and it is therefore

with surprise and sorrow that we see

your portrayal of Him whom we

hold dearly, the Messiah the Son of

God, in such a cheap and offensive

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scene to his evident satisfaction.

sally applied, it would radically change the map. It is right that Israel should promote Judaism's civilizing precepts for the common good, but surely not at the expense of its own existence. Given the Arabs' long campaign of terror and territorial aggression, why

territorial aggressors, to be univer-

peace for peace? S. GOODMAN Kingswinford, West Midlands.

should Israel now give more than

OFFENSIVE Sir, - We refer to your cartoon, 'A true Palestinian' by Meir Ronnen

ISRAEL'S SAFETY Sir, - Eight hundred more Palestinian terrorists have been released from prison, but don't let that worry (December 27), in which Jesus you. Moshe and Miriam Levinger Christ is depicted, hanging on the are still in jail. The safety of Israel is Cross, with His head covered with Yasser Arafat's keffiyeh and a bare-EDWARD LINN

San Diego, California.

WHAT WENT WRONG? Sir, - After reading A View from

Nov on January 5, I was left wishing that the space had been given over to the same Rabbi Lichtenstein who reminded us that until the moment of the murder, Yigal Amir represented the best of what we in the National Religious camp had to offer. Many were quick to dismiss his actions as those of "a wild weed" in our garden - nothing that could have been foreseen or controlled. No other explanation has been offered, at least for public consumption.

Where is there a semblance of intellectual integrity in this approach? This, if not the tragic event itself, should be reason enough for the exaggerated hand-wringing that disturbs Mr. Kohn so much. Or the fact that our commentators feel that it is more important to deprive our ideological opponents of any gains in the sphere of public opinion than it is to examine those aspects of our ideology that are rightly under suspicion of having nurtured the devel-

opment of a confessed assassin. I have four children to see through our educational system, and I want to know what went wrong in Amir's case, and I want to be convinced that our educators believe that something went wrong, and I want to hear it loud and clear, for a long time, so that we can be certain in the future that a true product of our ideology (as Amir was) will never consider shedding the blood of a fellow Jew.

EHUD NEOR Moshav Gan Or.

HEN myths about Arabs, especially Palestinians, die, there are always those ready to set up new straw men to frustrate the peace and reconciliation processes. In 1979, when the myth that

"Egypt will never sign a peace treaty with Israel" vanished, a new straw man was invented: After Sadat, there will be no peace in the Middle East.

When the myth that King Hussein's position was shaky and that, therefore, he would be the last to sign a peace treaty with Israel was proved wrong, a new straw man was erected: It is true that there is a formal peace treaty with Jordan, but opposition to it is very strong, and Israel shouldn't rely on it.

Now for the myths about the Palestinians: They are devious; not serious about peace and reconciliation with Israel; incapable of keeping agreements; inherently inclined to "stab Jews in the back"; unable to maintain a minimal degree of law and order and manage their own affairs; and it's a waste of time for them to run free elec-

When these myths, in turn, were shown to be unfounded, a new straw man appeared: Only if and when there is full democracy among Palestinians will Israel be able to trust the agreements with them. And since the Palestinians are inherently incapable of introducing full democracy, Israel should discontinue the peace process. The argument vis-a-vis Syria is similar.

These straw men seem there for no other reason than to scare Israelis, who live in a constant inexplicable state of mistrust and anxiety about the Arabs. Yet there are neither theoretical nor empirical grounds for the view that the Ar-

GABI SHEFFER

abs, particularly the Palestinians, are incapable of establishing democratic regimes.

DEMOCRACY cannot develop and mature in societies that are traditional, governed by external colonial rulers, or ruled by local despots. Only the removal of such impediments can pave the way to democracy. Therefore those who argue that because the Palestinians lack democratic institutions and traditions Israel must continue to rule them are moving round and round in circles.

Winds of change in the region can scatter straw men set up by doubters

That said, a convergence of internal and external factors can facilitate democracy. In this context, the Arab states and the Palestinians are feeling the influence of current global and internal processes that encourage the slow emergence of democracy.

They have opened up to closer contacts with the West, and are more connected to the electronic information network, links which contribute to a basic change in attitude. And, like other traditional societies, they are influenced by global economic liberalization.

This in turn augments the possibility that they will be affected by the new wave of liberalization and democratization in the developing world, where societies have rid themselves of the domination of

Strange mistrust of Arabs external powers that hampered the emergence of democracy. And the peace process in our

region, encouraging greater open-ness toward the "other" is leading to internal change. The first indicators of economic and political liberalization are already visible.

Egypt, Jordan and the Gulf states are increasing their contacts with external, mostly Western. markets, and there is a growing interest in encouraging foreign investment. Sooner or later these countries will industrialize.

Industrialization is bound to transform traditional societies, and, increasing fundamentalism notwithstanding, considerable efforts to liberalize these states are under way.

Here, the Palestinians have great potential. Education is an essential precondition for democracy, and Palestinian society is the best-educated in the Arab Middle East. Traditional frameworks and institutions are disappearing rapidly; there is a greater openness to democracy, and democratic rhetoric is being freely used. Last but not least, the Palestinians have been strongly influenced by Israel.

Initial, partial and cautious attempts at political liberalization in Egypt, Jordan and the Gulf states show that some Arab states are undergoing the processes that former authoritarian states like Chile, Taiwan, and South Korea experienced on their path toward democratization.

The continuation of such processes is the best guarantee for a brighter future in our part of the world.

The writer is professor of political science at the Hebrew Univer-



The 277 pieces of garbage, retrieved from the sea by a team of scientists, had been dumped by ships sailing in the area.

Killing the sea the silent way

hen the French do nuclear testing in the sea, everyone is aware of it and demonstrates against it," says marine biologist Dr. Bella Galil.

We are, she warns, "killing the sea the silent way" and we don't

Galil does research at the National Institute of Oceanography and Limnological Research, a nonprofit government corporation established in 1967, with the aim of generating knowledge and technology for wise use of Israel's marine and freshwater resources.

In the past five years, she has led 12 expeditions in the eastern Mediterranean to find specimens of deep-sea fauna. In the spring of 1993, she joined a team of German, Italian and Egyptian scientists aboard the German research vessel Meteor, to trawl the deep waters of the Levant. On board, she studied creatures living 1,000 to 4,800 meters below the surface.

In addition the Meteor's nets hauled up garbage. Appalled, Dr., Galii collected, identified and sort-

A researcher warns that the Mediterranean's floor is in danger of becoming a garbage dump, Ava Carmel writes

sea bed. Her report was published. the latest issue of Marine Pollution Bulletin. Previous surveys of litter in the Mediterranean, she notes, have studied only that on the beaches or the surface.

She concluded that the deep-sea trash was dumped from ships, because paint chips were found in most of the trawls. "Sailors are constantly scraping and repainting their ships, so the chips fall over-board and mix with the other garbage," she says.

Twelve of the 17 Mediterranean

her analysis, the first detailed sur-vey of litter on the Mediterranean were classified, with the most were classified, with the most interesting items defying classification as anything but "miscellaneous," being a credit card and a US-made artillery shell casing. Discarded packaging which still had readable labels had come from

> Lebanon, Taiwan and the US. Little is known about the extent and effect that garbage has on creatures at any depth greater than 100 m., Galil says. "In shallow waters, the action of

Australia, Germany, Greece, Italy,

waves and sedimentation is very source of marine litter. Twelve of the 17 Mediterranean low and the garbage doesn't get. She ends her article with the travels \$10000 contained litter, buried quickly, she says. All warning that if laws are not more whereas in a similar new! off the 1,500 m, pressure is 150 times strictly enforced the sea floor will Chiefse coast, 41% contained in what simils at sea level; there is turn into a garbage dump.

almost total darkness and very little nourishment filters down. If the sea bed is covered with plastic sheeting, food is no longer accessible to the animals living there.

"The wide use of plastics is only a generation old and a percentage of the sea bottom is already covered with it," Galil says. "With the amount of fishing, naval and plea-sure vessels increasing rapidly, what will happen in another three generations? Sea life won't be able to survive.

"The Mediterranean Sea lies in one of the most densely populated and highly industrialized regions of the world," she writes in her article. The pollution of the Mediterranean has been recognized internationally as a serious problem....

"Though the disposal of all litter, except food waste, is prohibited in the Mediterranean," the study presents evidence that these regulations are ignored and that vessel-generated refuse is a major

From 'blankie' to emotional secrets

RUTH MASON

imaginary friend. He talks to him a lot and is very involved with him. My husband wants to know if this is something to worry about. Alan Flashman, child and adult

psychiatrist, replies: You have raised three questions:

imaginary friends; fathering; and worrying.

Having imaginary friends is a well-known and potentially delightful aspect of being five or six years old. It is an entirely normal phenomenon which generally is considered thepenultimate stop on the train that takes a child from his "blankie" to his own secret emotional life.

The infant's "blankie" is his first, very concrete, symbol. It has the feel and often the smell of mother, and allows the infant to retain a concrete reminder of mother's presence - with which he can do what he wants - when he is apart from her.

The next stop is the teddy bear. which seems to have more of a symbolic imaginary personality. The three-year-old imbues his teddy with a kind of special presence, partly like himself and partly like his parents.

The next stop is more imaginary than concrete. The imaginary friend is invisible, but lives a concrete life. The child talks to him and may even set a place for him at the table. And, of course, he can do what he pleases with this

This friend is a pretty flexible fellow. At times he seems to represent the child, at other times the parents, or a part of the child which he feels guilty or ashamed of or evena wished-for ideal self. On the whole, the imaginary friend is more naughty and deserves more punishments than

Enjoy this "station" while you

child demonstrates other signs of can. The train is about to vanish into the invisible reaches of your mental health. These would child's secret emotional life. There include: a warm relationship with it will stop at its last station, the parents that has room for the emotional images of himself and expression of anger, the ability to those he encounters about which and interest in making friends; you will only be able to guess. some interest in and the capacity

to play and learn; and a general forward direction in development. If the imaginary friend is expressing some other problem your child is experiencing, this will not be the only sign of it. In addition, an imaginary friend which is an expression of trouble will seem to dominate the child and won't be very much fun.

involve reading Selma Fraiberg's classic, The Magic Years, together. If your worries continue to plague you, try talking it over with your own parents, joining a parent support (not training) group, or consulting a pediatrician, public-health nurse or mental-health expert. Could it be that your husband is expressing a desire to become more deeply involved in emotion-al parenting as his son gets older and more accessible verbally? If you offer him this meaning of his

If you have a question about parenting, write to: 'Parenting,

Eve was not the one and only "I find the ancestral molecule for an important ad news for Eve: a new report disputes the piece of DNA that deals with the immune system," he said in a telephone interview. "That molecule

Fathers, at times, seem a bit hes-

itant to fully engage their chil-dren's emotional life. Men, who

may bave some trouble recalling

what they were like as young chil-

dren, need a gentle hand. It could

involve some memory-rebuilding

husband's parents. It could even

and perhaps consulting with your

concern, he may be very grateful.

reason to worry about this if your

Finally, neither of you has any

theory that one genetic mother of us all lived 200,000 years ago in Africa, arguing that there had to be some 100,000 "Eves" existing much earlier in time.

in perhaps 60 million years ago, long before human beings walked the earth - contradicts the "mitoimmune system gene to have survived until now chondrial Eve" theory advanced eight years ago.

Scientists at the University of California at Berkeley said then that all people descended from one African woman, basing their finding on tracking of mutations in an original molecule of DNA, the genetic blueprint contained in every living thing. In every DNA molecule, there are some six billion

bits of information. Most of these bits are in the molecule's heart, or nucleus, but about 15,000 of them are outside the nucleus in an area called the mitochondrion. This mitochondrial DNA is passed only from mothers to children, and the Berkeley team used this to find the woman they say gave all current humans this part of her DNA, which mutat-

years ago and while she was not the only woman to have children then, her genes were the only ones

that endured to the present day. But Francisco Ayala, a professor of biological sciences at the University of California at Irvine, used mathematical models to argue that this could not

ed down through the ages. They theorized that she lived 100,000 to 200,000

The report in a recent edition of the journal modern monkeys, let alone humans."

Science - that our earliest genetic forbears existed Ayala, the author of the study being published in immune system gene to have survived until now would have required a population of at least Some scientists say the one true Eve was possible

existed 60 million years ago, about when the

dinosaurs became extinct, before the origination of

because at times of great anatomical change there is a population bottleneck - fewer people. But Ayala said that through all the big anatomical changes, from the time of the earliest monkeys until now, "there were no population bottlenecks at any time of our ancestral species."

The theory of mitochondrial Eve has sometimes been used to argue that the differentiation between races was rather recent in evolutionary terms, but Ayala disputed this notion, saying this differentiation was more likely to have occurred around 1.8 million years ago when early humans began leaving Africa for Europe and Asia.

And what about Adam? Scientists reported in the British scientific journal Nature last month that "Ychromosome Adam" probably lived 188,000 years ago. The Y-chromosome is passed only from fathers to children, just as mitochondrial DNA is passed only from mothers.

Over-50s aren't safe from AIDS

Tarion Murray is a grandmother with the LAIDS virus. At times, even she has troubling believing

"My kids know about it now, but I didn't tell them until last year," says Murray, 59, a whitehaired woman with a gentle smile, who caught AIDS in 1993.

"It never crossed my mind that could get it." But experts say Murray's experience mirrors many of the health and personal problems faced by a growing number of Americans over 50 with the deadly virus. One recent study estimated that more than 25,000 older people have tested HIV-positive - representing about 11 percent of all those in the USaffected with the AIDS

With better treatment methods and some people continuing to live for more than a decade after being infected, experts predict that the number of geriatric AIDS cases will increase over the next several years.

"Older folks don't see themselves at risk for the disease." says Dr. Mitchell Feldman, an AIDS specialist at the University of California, San Francisco.

Unlike younger people, he says, older people with the deadly virus are far less likely to have used safe-sex methods, like wearing condoms. They also often battle the virus onslaught with far weaker immune systems. In addition many doctors fail to spot the early signs of AIDS, chalking up fatigue, pneumonia and other symptoms to old

age or other illnesses. Sometimes the diagnosis of AIDS isn't picked up right away," says Dr. Robert Butler, who treats geriatric AIDS patients at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. "There's usually a confusion of symptoms which makes things

more difficult to treat." Jeffrey Reynolds, spokesman for the Long Island Association for AIDS Care, a New York advocacy group, says, "A higher percentage of our new clients are [adult] women. They don't watch MTV and get safe-sex messages all the time." Many women with HIV are widows who contracted the virus from their husbands or

men in their lives. "It's really quite incredible," Carol Garrett, a psychiatric social worker, said about the caseload of female geriatric AIDS cases at North Shore University Hospital on Long Island. At the facility, 21 women over the age of 60 are being treated for AIDS.

"Most of their husbands were bisexual or had a secret homosexual affair and infected their wives. For these women, you can't tell anyone what your husband died of and what you're suffering from. It's a double secret with a great deal of shame and denial." That was Murray's dilemma. She had a long-running affair with "a boyfriend young enough to be my son." She says she never thought of using safesex precautions.

When they broke up, Murray collected her boyfriend's belongings and "found in his letters that he had full-blown AIDS." In 1993, a doctor confirmed that she had gotten the virus. "I just didn't believe it," said Murray, who insisted on being retested at several other clinics.

Now Murray goes every three weeks to a hospital clinic near her home in New York City to check on her T-cell count, one measure of the health of her immune system, and to see whether any symptoms have developed. Murray also attends an AIDS support group that helps her deal with the emotional aspects of being HIV-positive.

The isolation of older people with AIDS is a big problem," says Kathleen Nokes, a teaching nurse at Hunter College in New York City and co-chairwoman of its AIDS and Aging Task Force.

An older woman who is infected with the virus may not tell her children." Experts say older people with the virus are often misdiagnosed by general practitioners, who may misperceive such symptoms as AIDSrelated dementia as the first signs of Alzheimer's disease.

Experts say the cause of AIDS infection among the elderly has changed dramatically during the past decade. During the 1980s, most older people with AIDS had contracted the disease as a result of blood transfusions from unprotected supplies. Now, the vast majority of elderly cases come from sexual activity among

heterosexuals. "I think you'll see more AIDS cases over 50 because of the new treatments, with a significant number living close to 20 years with the HIV infection," says Dr. William Adler, chief of the immunological section for the National Institutes of Health. Adler said the biggest problem is getting older people to take safe-

sex warnings seriously. "There seems to be a denial," he said, "while the younger generation is where the education the support group, says many older people with AIDS have dif-Some who have lived for a long time with HIV, like David His group has received finan-Singh, a retired New York City teacher, say good nutrition, exer-

cise and an unbeat attitude have prolonged their lives. Singh, 59, tested positive in December 1987, and believes that he contracted the virus in the early Singh said an AIDS support group called Senior Action in a

Environment has also helped his frame of mind. "I don't think pessimistically and I don't accept death as the ultimate goal," he says. Greg Anderson, a supervisor at

ficulty talking about their dis-

cial support from the New York state Department of Social Services. But Anderson and other experts worry that future budget cutbacks could sharply reduce or eliminate such services as nursing care and otherexpensive medical care.

On a daily basis, Anderson suggests to counselors that they respect the religious and cultural belief of older patients who may believe they can be cured by prayer or hands-on healing.

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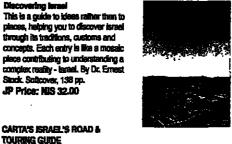
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Court extends remand of stock fraud suspects

past six months, and volume of

trade also increased dramatically.

Allegedly, Estrategia and the

Eini brothers coordinated their

activities, artificially increasing

Globes said yesterday this was

done by selling and buying on the

same day or limiting buy orders at

deposited in bank accounts in the

names of other Eini family rela-

tives. The Eini brothers allegedly

earned NIS 2.7m. in profits be-

tween June 1995 and September

The TASE announced it has

requested that JM Eini make

"clarifications pertaining to newspaper reports," but had as

'JM Eini shares will no longer

Reports that the Securities Au-

thority had arrested H. Electron-

ics majority shareholder Vitaly

Krispi are false, the company.

"Mr. Krispi was not arrested,

not yesterday or at any other

time," H. Electronics said.

"Moreover, Mr. Vitaly Krispi

was not summoned to interroga-

tion or any questioning, was not

questioned under caution and not

trade "until clarifications are re-

yet received no reply.

ceived," the TASE said.

told the TASE.

The NIS 2.7m. was allegedly

trade volume and share prices.

a particularly high share price.

THE Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday extended the remand for three days of two J.M. Eini Metal Industries senior managers and three brokers from brokerage Estrategia suspected of stock manipulation.

The six were arrested by Securities Authority investigators on Monday night on suspicion of stock manipulation offenses.

Brothers Menahem and Ya'acov Eini are suspected of securities fraud and of presenting misleading information in their June share issue prospectus, allegedly to defraud the public.

The Estrategia brokers - Amnon Shani, Benny Sidon and Eli Nataf - are suspected of securi-

A bank manager is also suspected of fraud by approving loans to Eini managers in order to purchase shares and allowing private accounts to be overdrawn by as much as NIS 1.85 million.

Investigators had asked the court to extend the Eini brothers' remand by seven days, and the detention of Shani, Sidon and Nataf by 10 days.

Another broker, Eli Levy, was reportedly released on bail on Monday after questioning.

According to investigators, the price of JM Eini shares traded on the TASE rose 640% over the

Doron Levy to suggest cut in income taxes

INCOME Tax Commissioner Doron Levy said yesterday he will recommend a decrease in income taxes for 1996.

"I intend to recommend to the finance minister that the tax burden be reduced this year," Levy said at a press conference regarding his offices' activities in 1995 and plans for the next fiscal year.

Levy said income taxes for individuals could be reduced following a gradual tax-cutting program similar to the one for companies, which is already being implemented. Since 1992, income taxes for companies have been cut from 40 percent to 36%. Concerning tax evasion, Levy

said the number of criminal in-

vestigations increased 95% from 824 in 1994 to 1,603 last year. However, the number of guilty verdicts rose by under 4%, from 174 to 181 in the same period.

"We can [use all of our resources] to do everything we can, but the problem lies with the courts." Levy said. "They don't find these people guilty."

More than 12,000 were sus-

pected of tax invasion out of the some 100,000 taxpayers inspected

The courts sentenced evaders to a total of 556 months of jail time last year, a decrease of 14%

NIS 40,000, an increase of 40%. In 1995, the government collected NIS 18 million in fines and penalties. Levy said he could not estimate how much tax evaders cost the government.

Overall, income tax revenues are expected to bring in NIS 54.5b. this year, after totaling NIS 50.3b. in 1995.

Levy added that under new legislation, self-employed people are eligible to participate in a professional training savings plan (keren hishtalmut) and women will be entitled to an additional credit point for every child, rather than every other one, as was previously legislated.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Shiloah signs cooperation agreement with US Healthcare: Shiloah, a member of the Harel Hamishmar group, has signed a cooperation agreement with US Healthcare, one of the leading health insurance and managed health care services in the US. According to the agreement, Shiloah insurance bolders will be entitled to US Healthcare's medical services as part of their overseas medical insurance policies, as well as health policies - including surgery. The policy holders can also go to US Healthcare for second opinions.

The Philadelphia-based company provides health insurance to more than 2.5 million employees, in addition to its activities in the managed health care field and independent clients legal

Vietnamese PM accepts Shohat's invitation to visit here: Vietnamese Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet has accepted Finance Minister Avraham Shohat invitation to visit Israel. Shohat is scheduled to sign a series of bilateral agreements with his Vietnamese hosts today before proceeding to India, where he will sign an agreement to avoid double taxation. Shohat signed a similar document with his Thai colleague earlier this week.

Wardinon group reports 67% rise in sales: The Wardinon group, which is engaged in textiles, reported sales of \$47 million last year, a 67% increase from the corresponding period in 1994. Export sales increased 67% to \$38m.

Mutual fund assets fall off dramatically: The mutual fund industry's assets have been more than cut in half over the last two years as a result of the public's lack of confidence in mutual fund managers and the plunge in share prices, Meitzv reported yesterday. According to Meitav, the mutual fund consultancy company, the sector's total assets have decreased to NIS 16.1b. last year from NIS 38.3b. at the start of 1994. Meitav said the mutual fund market shrunk 58% in nominal terms and 68% in real terms.

Bank Discount Mortgage Bank announced it is expanding its circle of customers that are entitled to a mortgage without having to provide guarantors. In addition, the bank is offering supplementary loans at attractive rates to people eligible for government mortgage assistance.

United Mizrahi Bank is offering a fixed interest of 14.25% on shekel deposits for a 12-month period. The bank's management said these are the best conditions prevailing on the market. The interest will be paid on deposits of more than NIS 100,000. Galit Lipkis Beck

Maritime Bank shares fall 7.7% after rumors of Geva demotion

MARITIME Bank shares fell 7.7 percent on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday following rumors that general manager Amir Geva will be forced to step down due to a board decision to diversify the bank's activities away from the capital market.

David Levinson - general manager of Granit Hacarmel Property a subsidiary of Granit Hacarmel -

and responsible for its relationship with foreign institutions and private investors.

chael Steinhardt and Shimon Topper, refused to comment but are expected to announce the appointMaritime Bank's board of director's decided to

change the bank's field of speciality from the capital market several months ago, following the bank's poor performance in 1995. The bank plans to increase its activities in the commercial banking field.

will most probably take over from Geva. Before joining Granite a year ago, Levinson was in charge of Bank Hapoalim's overseas branches

The bank's owners, a consortium headed by Mi-

cantly reduced operating earnings. Geva's resignation is primarily due to the fact that he is considered more of a specialist in the capital market field and less in other banking fields.

from NIS 13.16m. in the same period in 1994.

The bank completed the first nine months of the

The drop in earnings was mainly due to lower

profits from capital market activities, which signifi-

year with a drop in net profit to NIS 1.95 million

Apple, Sun Microsystems resume talks

CUPERTINO, Calif. (Reuter) -Apple Computer Inc. and Sun Microsystems Inc. have resumed merger talks and a deal between the two companies is "imminent," according to a published report yesterday.

people familiar with the negotiations, said the deal could be in the form of a \$4 billion stock swap that values Apple at about \$33 a

The Wall Street Journal, citing

Apple officials, attending the company's annual meeting here, declined to comment on the

"Our longstanding policy is not to comment on things like this," said Betty Taylor, a spokeswoman for the computer company. "Our board is certainly committed to increasing the inherent value to our shareholders, but if we had any announcements we would certainly make them."

Sun officials were not available to comment.

Apple, a maker of personal computers and software, and workstation maker Sun Microsystems had been in merger talks since September, but talks collapsed two weeks ago.

A merger with Sun would give Apple greater access to corporations that rely on Sun for their equipment while providing Sun with a larger presence in the desktop computing segment of the market.

It would also help shore up Apple's financial position, which has deteriorated in recent months.

Apple posted a \$69 million loss for the first quarter ended December 1995 and expects to lose money again in the second quarter.

It currently has less than 10 percent of the personal computer market and finished third in 1995 shipments.



Russian Communist Party head to attend top business meeting

Peres, Arafat to be among 250 other leaders at conference

presidency this year, will attend a gathering of world business and political leaders in Switzerland next month, organizers said

Klaus Schwab, founder-president of the World Economic Forum, told a news conference Zvuganov was among some 250 figures who had accepted invitations to the Geneva-based body's annual meeting in the mountain resort of Davos from February 1-

Also at the meeting, an important event on the global business calendar, will be Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and European Commission President Jacques Santer and President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico.

The Davos Forum will also stage special sessions on the Balkans following the Bosnian peace accord, attended by presidents and prime ministers from the region, and on Northern Ireland with representatives of all main sides in the problem.

Schwab, a German economics professor who set up the Forum in 1971, said this year's main theme was "sustaining globaliza-

Communist Party chief Gennady the world economy - in the face who say they appreciate the op-Zyuganov, likely to bid for the of mounting concern over its so- portunity it provides to exchange cial effects.

Labor leaders from Europe and North America would be present to discuss with top businessmen and bankers the impact the process has on employment. Many say it is responsible for the loss of jobs to developing

Zyuganov, whose party emerged from disarray following the collapse of Soviet communism in 1991 to come top of the poll in last month's parliamentary elections, will be a first-time visitor at Davos.

He has assured Western businessmen in Moscow that his is a new-style communism that would maintain economic reform and cooperation with the outside world if it won full power, and is likely to deliver a similar message in Davos.

Schwab said Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin, a guest at two past Forum meetings, was unable to attend this year. Former economic reform chief Anatoly Chubais, sacked last week by President Boris Yeltsin, would also not come this

The Davos gathering attracts

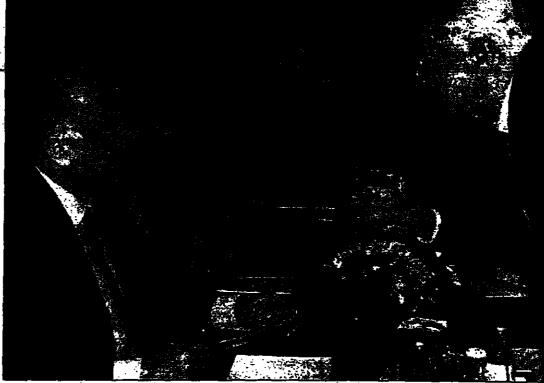
GENEVA (Reuter) - Russia's tion" - the growing integration of chief executives of global firms ideas with government leaders and rising political stars from

around the world. It is also attended by senior. figures in the international financial community, including World Bank president James Wolfensohn, German Bundesbank president Hans Tietmever and other central and private bank chiefs.

The US, which has rarely been represented at a high level at Davos, is sending Laura Tyson, senior economic adviser to President Bill Clinton, and Democratic senator Bill Bradley will be a co-chairman of the week-long meeting.

China, which has sent top government leaders in the past including Prime Minister Li Peng. will be represented this year by a group of high-level businessmen. Schwab said. For the first time secretive North Korea is sending a senior official.

Other world figures attending will include Argentine president Carlos Menem, Peru's President Albewreto Fujimori, Poland's President Alexander Kwasniewski, Indian Finance Minister Manmohan Singh and Pakistan president Benahir Blutto.



Jacques de la Rosiere, president of the European Reconstruction Bank (right), talks yesterday to Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomydrin during a meeting with heads of major companies who invested in Russia. Chernomydrin cantiously backed a presidential decision to oust Russia's chief economic reformer Anatoly Chubais by saying that reforms would go on regardless of who was in the cabinet.

Ormat to build power station in New Zealand

ORMAT Industries has announced it will build a \$32 million geothermal power station with Power New Zealand. Ormat's share will be \$25m.

Power New Zealand is the second largest electric provider RACHEL NEIMAN

there. The station will be situated on an active geothermal site in New Zealand's Rotokawa region. Using Ormat's new geothermal combined cycle technology, turbuild a 55-megawatt plant

bines driven on underground geothermal steam will be used with Ormat closed cycle turbines. The Rotokawa plant is Ormat's fourth project there. A \$60m.order was received recently to

American Express files complaint with EU about Visa's 'anti-competitive behavior'

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - US "surprised" by the accusation, or distorts competition, or abuse charge-card giant American Express said yesterday it had filed a complaint with the European Commission charging Visa International with anti-competitive behavior in the European card

industry. In a statement, American Express said Visa was considering putting a new clause in its contracts with banks that would limit competition by restricting member banks' ability to offer more than one kind of card.

"American Express today filed a complaint charging that Visa international is engaged in anticompetitive activities in violation of the (EU law)... by advocating that banks issuing Visa cards be prohibited from also issuing American Express cards," it said. Visa International said it was

adding it was not breaking any

"Visa would not implement a change in its rules that would contravene EU law," Visa said in a statement.

It added that it was studying ways to allow banks to be competitive by offering consumers whatever payment cards they wanted whilst also ensuring that competitors did not take advantage of Visa's existing payment card system.

A European Commission spokesman said the commission would look into the complaint, as it did with all such charges but declined to say any more.

In its complaint, American Express said Visa International was breaking European Union rules prohibiting action which restricts of a dominant position in the 15nation bloc. It said the proposed clause

would force banks to stop offering their customers a choice of carrying an American Express card, a Visa card, or both.

"Visa is attempting to climinate competition in the card marketplace and limit consumer choice throughout Europe. If allowed to go unchecked there will be nothing to prevent... giving Visa further control over distribution in the European card sys-

tem," the statement said. Jurgen Aumuller, president of American Express Europe, noted that the clause, or bylaw, had not yet been put in place by Visa, which he said was the dominant

"[It] has not been decided, but the Visa association has taken the initiative to introduce it and we want to prevent that situation," he told Renters.

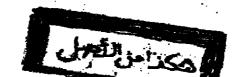
He said American Express had partner banks in Europe with which it had contracts and other banks with which it was negotiating contracts "and we want to make sure there is a freedom in the market place and those banks can issue American Express cards besides the Visa franchise".

He said the proposed Visa clause would force banks to issue Visa cards only, limiting competition and consumer choice.

"What we hope is that the Commission will confirm to the market players that there is free competition and therefore a free offer of product ranges," he

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Two-Sided index

STOCKS closed little changed yesterday, led by rises in shares of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and Koor Industries. Teva's shares rose 1.25 percent

after climbing 1/4 to 431/4 in New York on Monday. Shares of Koor were the most

active, up 1% to NIS 10 million "Teva is still strong following

New York," said Eran Goren, head of institutional sales at Zannex Securities. As for Koor, "it's had quite a run if you think about where it started in the public offering."

Early in November, the comcany sold an issue of American Depositary Receipts at 1714. The ADRs lagged for almost two weeks, dropping as low as 16% before rising. They eased 1/4 yesterday to 201/2.

The Two-Sided Index closed down 0.35% to 210.52, while the Maof Index slipped 0.33% to

On the exchange, NIS 102.4 million of shares traded, right at the month's average of NIS 102.6

Investors are waiting for next Monday, when the Bank of Israel announces interest rate policy. On December 28, the central bank cut the rate at which it lends to banks 0.5 percentage point to Maof index

no change

Inflation is stable, having dropped to 8.1% for 1995 from 14.2% in 1994, Goren said. "On the negative side," money supply figures out yesterday showed M1 expanded 2.7% for December.

"There are no signs of slowing in the economy," and the currency has devalued a bit against the dollar, which will help exporters' profits. "All in all, it's a balancing act," he said. The central bank would do well to "continue monetary policy without change.'

Among active stocks, Maritime Bank was down 7.75% following rumors that that general manager Amir Geva will be forced to step down due to a board decision to diversify the bank's activities away from the capital market.

The bank's share has dropped 27% in the past year, Zannex's Goren noted.

"The bank was small, highly dependent on capital market activity, and highly dependent on its owners," Michael Steinhardt and Shimon Topor, Goren said. It was hurt by fund manager Steinhardt's decision to retire and by lower Tel Aviv Stock Exchange volumes that have been posted in the past months, he (Bloomberg)

FTSE Index ends session 19.2 points lower

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – A combination of factors, including dent- ment bonds and rising Swiss franc in the short-term, left leading share prices lower yesterday, but news of Granada's success in its bid for Forte helped overall sentiment, traders said.

The FTSE Index closed 19.2 points down at 3,735.0.

FRANKFURT - Shares closed floor trading lower as the heavyweight blue-chip Daimler-Benz AG came under pressure after its shares resumed trading after a one day suspension.

The 30-share DAX Index closed the floor session down 6.06 at 2,384.47 points having drifted sideways after paring prebourse losses.

In post-bourse trade the index rose 1.38 to 2,393.12.

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PARIS - French shares closed lower on profit-taking ahead of today's close of the January account and because of Wall Street's lower start after a previous record finish.

Weaker bonds and the dollar also weighed. Dealers noted there were many uncertainties in the market, in particular about Enropean Monetary Union and which countries will be ready to

The CAC-40 Index closed down 20.34 at 1,934.08. ZURICH - Swiss shares closed down but off the day's lows as a

ed hopes for lower interest rates swap rates caused some fear about soaring interest rates, dealers said.

They added the easing US dollar also contributed to the market's weakness. The all-share SPI slid 17.60 points to 2,105.84.

TOKYO - Shares gave up all gains in late afternoon trade to end lower. Brokers said the Nikkei index may slip below the key 20,000 level temporarily today amid uncertainty over Japan's mortgage firm scheme.

High-techs were also weak on concerns over chip prices. The 225-share Nikkei average finished down 115.61, or 0.57 per-cent, at 20,080.92.

HONG KONG - Stocks ended narrowly mixed, erasing steep early losses triggered by profittaking.

The blue-chip Hang Send Index inched up 1.89 points to end at 10.957.22, off a day low of

Turnover dipped to HK\$7.00 billion from Monday's adjusted

SYDNEY - The share market closed lower as weaker base metals prices and half yearly earnings jitters overcame positive leads from a higher gold price and a record Dow close.

The All Ordinaries Index was 14.0 points lower at 2,246.6.

Blue chips end lower after three sessions of big gains

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Bluechip stocks closed sharply lower yesterday as the market paused to catch its breath after the fastpaced rise in the last three sessions that lifted the Dow Jones index to a new high.

Based on early and unofficial

data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended 27.09 points lower at 5,192.27, backtracking from Monday's record of 5,219.36.

In the broader market, declining issues led advances by a slim margin on active volume of 415 million shares

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YEN	1.3967/83	0.6235/42	_	1.1216/31	4.7816/82	
SFT	124.42/61	0.5555/63	89.08/1N	_	4.2597/54	
FFr	0.2919/23	0.1303/05	20.88/9N	0.2344/48	_	
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Rubin outlasts Sanchez Vicario in marathon quarter-final match

MELBOURNE (AP) - At 4-5 in the third set. Chanda Rubin let two match points slip away. About 11/2 hours later, she was in the tennis record books again with another marathon victory.

The 19-year-old American also was in her first Grand Slam semifinal thanks to the 6-4, 2-6, 16-14 triumph yesterday over third seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, her doubles partner.

Rubin had two more match points at 13-14 in the 3-hour. 33minute match. She lost the secand of those on a controversial line call. Finally, she cashed in on her sixth at 14-15 with a stretched forehand cross-court volley.

"She didn't give it to me and I wasn't going to give it to her," said the No. 13 seed.

Many in the audience of 15,000 felt they still hadn't had enough tennis. They stalked off in anger when a men's quarter-final between No. 2 Andre Agassi and No. 8 Jim Courier was postponed until today.

That match couldn't start until 10:57 p.m. and then was stopped about a half-hour later for rain, with Agassi serving at 4-5 in the first set. The rain stopped, the roof was closed and the courts were dried, but finally officials and players decided on a postponement.

The rescheduling means that both men's semifinals will be played on Friday. The women's semifinals are to be played

But the crowd had seen a match that set Australian Open women's records for time, number of games (48) and number of games in one set (30). The old marks of 45 total games and 24 in one set both were set in 1988, but in different matches.

Rubin already was in the books for most games in a Grand Slam women's singles match - 58 - and longest women's final set at Wimbledon - 2 hours, 4 minutes and 32 games. In that 3-hour, 45-minute match last year, she beat Patricia Hy-Boulais 7-6, 6-7, 17-15.



BATTLE WEARY - Spain's Arantza Sanchez Vicario (1) congratulates Chanda Rubin of the US after Rubin's epic upset win in their match at the Australian Open yesterday.

Tuesday's final set was even longer – 2 hours, 22 minutes.

Rubin also was known for rebounding from a 0-5, 0-40 final set deficit to beat Jana Novotna in the third round of last year's French Open.

The Wimbledon experience helped last night, Rubin said -"I was thinking I can hang with her for however long."

But, she acknowledged, there also were many times she thought she might lose. After there was no call on a Sanchez Vicario volley that she thought was out on her fourth match point, at 13-14, 30-40, "I was thinking, God, I can't win this, it's going to go on all night."

Rubin argued the ruling, and many in the audience of 15,000 booed it, but the line judge's view apparently was blocked by Ru-

Rubin then missed the next

two points, held service and finally broke Sanchez Vicario after 13 straight service keeps by the two

Rubin played an aggressive game throughout. She had twice as many winners as Sanchez Vicario - 68 to 34 - and twice as many unforced errors - 96 to 48.

"I kept trying to go for it, regardless of what was going to happen," she said. The intensity already was high in the first set. After she lost her

chez Vicario received a warning for slamming the ball into the wall behind Rubin's court. Sanchez Vicario said, "After playing so well, both of us, sometimes it is hard that one has to

serve at 2-1 in the first set, San-

match and I gave everything." Asked whether Rubin could now beat Seles, she said, "I think she can. She is definitely the play-

lose. ... I played a very good

er who has improved the most." Seles had a much easier path into the semifinals, winning 6-1, 6-2 against No. 7 iva Majoli of

SPORTS

Yesterday's victory stretched her unbeaten streak in Australian Opens to 26 matches. So far this time, she has dropped just 17 games in 10 sets.

While Seles' average now is fewer than two games lost per set, men's No. 5 Michael Chang has averaged fewer than three - 37 in He marched into the semifinals

with a 6-0, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Sweden's Mikael Tillstrom, the man who ousted No. 3 Thomas Muster of Austria. Tillstrom said Chang, whose

only Grand Slam victory so far has come in the 1989 French Open, is playing well enough to

Coach Bachar quits after Mac. Jaffa fails in tourney

MACCABI Jaffa coach Nissim Bachar yesterday announced his resignation after his charges became the fifth National League club to be ousted in the eight round of the State Cup.

Jaffa went down 1-0 at home to Second Division Hapoel Ramat Gan in one of three fixtures postponed from Friday due to

In the other two, National League teams prevailed over their Second Division rivals: Zafririm Holon beat Shimshon Tel Aviv 3-0 and Betar Tel Aviv beat Maccabi Netanya 2-1.

Bachar's decision to quit Jaffa makes him the seventh National League coach to leave his post this season, and comes just two

days after the dismissal of Kfar Sava's Eli Yanni, who is disputing his fiting.

Bachar said he was deeply disappointed by Jaffa's lackluster performance in the loss to Ramat Gan, and he could see no reason played yesterday after they were to continue working when all the hard effort put in at the club during the two-week mid-season break resulted in such a poor showing when it really counted.

Ramat Gan's lone goal came from a penalty taken by Yuval Naim in the ninth minute after Lev Metveyev was fouled by a Jaffa defender.

Holon needed extra time to settle its clash with Shimshon after a goalless, aimless 90 minutes.

Shai Holtzman, Avi Pass and Oren Nissim scored for Holon. which was at a one-man advantage for the extra 30 minutes after Shimshon's Yaniv Ofri was sent off for punching Holon's Ronnen Feigenbaum.

Niv Tal gave Hapoel Kfar Shalem hope of yet another upset by a lower-division side when he scored for the bosts at the Hatikva Quarter ground.

But second half strikes by Moshe Eisenberg from a penalty and Doron Amar assured Betar Tel Aviv of reaching the last-16 stage of the competition.

27.7

STATE CUP EIGHTH ROUND (after extra time)

Israel plays Greece in soccer friendly

ORI LEWIS THE national soccer team steps up its preparations for World According to reports, only the Cup qualifying competition with a friendly international against first-half goalkeeping heroics of Nir Davidovich in goal prevented

host Greece this afternoon. Coach Shlomo Scharf began his third term in charge of the team last week and called up most of the same squad for the campaien ahead.

Yitzhak Shum, his assistant and head coach of the under-21 side, however, has already got off on the wrong foot, as his charges lost 4-0 to Greece yesterday.

SCOREBOARD

European Cap final pool: Tangres 81, Baci Herzilya 67

MONDAY'S NBA RESULTS:

Minmi 96, San Antonio 89 Atlanta 105, Houston 96 Vancouver 100, Milwanice 92

MONDAY'S NHL RESULTS:

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an even greater rout. Eran Seinzinger replaced Davidovich in the second half, and

with a poor defensive line the Israelis were unable to keep up with their Greek counterparts. The national team will be at almost full strength for this afternoon's clash, although Ronny

Rosenthal has not been called in

Scharf has said he will experiment with Ronnen Harazi as a lone striker.

Israel's 11 to start the match are: Rafi Cohen, Avishai Janno, Nir Klinger, Amir Shelah, Moshe Glam, Alon Hazan, Tal Banin, Reuven Atar, Eyal Berkowitz, Haim Revivo, and Ronnen Harazi.

The game will be televised live on Channel 1, and there will also be live commentary on Ra-

bama-Birmingham, dropped two

Georgetown moved up two

spots to sixth, and was followed in

the Top Ten by Villanova, Virgin-

In addition to Cincinnati,

Wake Forest, Villanova, Mem-

phis and North Carolina lost last

North Carolina dropped one

spot to lead the Second Ten, and

was followed by Memphis, Arizo-

na, Penn State, UCLA, Michi-

gan, Syracuse, Clemson, Purdue

The last five ranked teams

were Auburn, Iowa, Texas Tech,

Syracuse (13-4), which

dropped from 12th to 17th, was

the only ranked team to lose two

games last week. The Orange-

men dropped road games to West

Marquette (12-3), which beat

Memphis on Saturday, and Cali-

formia (10-4), which has lost to

only one unranked team this sea-

son, were the newcomers to the

rankings replacing Mississippi

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12.

week as Top 10 teams.

and Boston College.

Marquette and California

Virginia and Connecticut.

ia Tech, Wake Forest and Utah.

spots to fifth.

SPORTS BRIEFS

City signs Frontzeck from Germany Premier League club Manchester City yesterday signed international defender Michael Frontzeck from Borussia Moenchengladbach for £350,000.

Reuter

Mets acquire Gilkey from Cardinals The St. Louis Cardinals, faced with a surplus of outfielders, traded Bernard Gilkey to the New York Mets on Monday for titree minor leaguers.

signed Andres Galarraga to a \$4.5 million contract.

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top spot slipped a bit. Last week, Massachusetts (16-0) was picked first on all but two of the ballots from a nationwide media panel. This week, with two more voters participating, the Minutemen received 57 of 66 firstplace votes and 1,641 points, 52 more than Kentucky, which was

No. 1 on eight ballots. The Wildcats (15-1), who didn't have a first-place vote last week, averaged 126 points in wins over LSU and Texas

Christian. What makes the change in first-place votes hard to understand is that Massachusetts beat Rhode Island and Duquesne without junior center Marcus Camby, who has missed three games since collapsing before a game on January 14. He is expected to return Tuesday night

Besides Massachusetts and Kentucky, only No. 7 Villanova and No. 14 Penn State held their spots from the previous poll after a week in which 13 ranked teams

against Pittsburgh.

lost a total of 14 games. Kansas and Connecticut, which

State and Georgia. Cantona scores goal in Manchester United win

LONDON (AP) - Frenchman Eric Cantona struck after just eight minutes Monday night, giving Manchester United the only goal it needed to beat West Ham 1-0 and climb back to within nine points of first-place Newcastle in the English Premier League.

Cantona's sixth goal of the season came when Ryan Giggs raced down the wing and shot the ball across the goalmouth. Cantons was there to turn the ball back at an acute angle.

> American Touch Foothall in Israel Playoff Semi-Finals friday, January 26

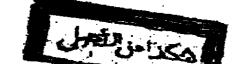
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Answer to yesterday's 'Guess What': The name of the first Super Bowl was the AFL-NFL World Championship



under Itai Talgam tonight and the Haifa Auditorium and Saturday at the North Theater in

The Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv pre-

sents another evening in its choral sing-along

series tonight with the Tryon Choir. Samrday at the same locale the Israel Trio presents a pro-

gram of piano trios by Schubert and Schumann.

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

PARANOIA and power are the costars tonight as

two recent and frightening chapters in US history are revisited. When America Trembled, a CBS

documentary about the confrontation between

legendary journalist Edward R. Murrow and red-

baiting Sen. Joe McCarthy, will be aired on

McCarthy's one-time ally Richard Nixon turns

up like a bad penny later in the evening. Watergate, on BBC World at 10:05, goes back

and talks to some of the key players in the scan-

dal that toppled a president and made many fear

for the future of the republic. In both cases, tele-

vision played a major role in bringing the bad

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Both at 8:30.

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DANCE

HELEN KAYE

THREE choreographers make one good evening with the Israel Ballet: Fokine's Chopiniana; the Tel Aviv premiere of Rudi Tonight, on Watergate, BBC World takes another look at events van Danzig's Four Last that led to Richard Nixon's resignation. Songs; and Percussion for Six Men by Vicente

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Nevrada. At the Tel Aviv performing Arts Center tonight at 8:30 and tomorrow at 6:00.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

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THE Israel Chamber Orchestra opens its most exciting series of the season tonight at 8:30 at the Noga Theater in Jaffa. Multimedia presents evenings of music-plus, ranging from flamenco to opera. Tonight's program features exceptional singing by actress Fides Krucker in Luciano Berio's Folk Songs and Murray Schaefer's Requiems for the Party Girl.

The orchestra under Stephen Stein also performs Stravinsky's Dumbarton Oaks and Copland's Theater Music.

On its way to a major European tour, David Shallon leads his Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in Brahms's First Symphony, Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphoses and in the overture and dances from The Bartered Bride by Smetana, tonight and tomorrow at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem at 8:00.

You can still hear Haim Permont's new Elegy for piano and orchestra performed by Revital Hachamoff and the Haifa Symphony Orchestra **TELEVISION**

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14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Film 16:30 Moomins 16:55 Heathcliff 17:20 Inspector Gadget 17:45

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(1991) (rpt) 19:15 Dinner at Eight (1990) - made-for-TV version of

George Cukor's classic about a society supper in New York. Starting Lauren Bacall, Charles Durning, Harry Hamlin and Marsha Mason.

(93 mins) 20:50 What's New at the Movies 21:00 Mac (1933) — Actor John Turtumo's directing debut is the story of three Italian-American broth-

ers growing up in New York in the 1950s. The eldest brother fights to achieve his American Dream which is

to set up his own construction com-pany. Based on the life of Turturo's father. Starring Turturo, Michael Badalucco and Carl Capotorto (113

mins) 23:00 Memphis (1992) – in the 1950s three drifters arrive in Memphis, kidnap a black kid and ask for a high ransom from his wealthy

family. But the black mafia sets out to find them. Starring Cybill Shepherd (88 mins) 00:30 Once Upon a Time in China (1991) (rpt) 2-35 City of Hope

(1991) - drama about drugs, racism

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:35 Little Monsters 9:00 Bunch of Munsch 9:40 Silver Hawks 10:10

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■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Morte di Un Matematico Napolitane (1992) - drama about the last six days in the life of a scientist who has denied his past connection to Communism and who is a chronic alcoholic (101 mins) 23:45 The Prisoner of Second Avenue (1975) -Neil Simon's comic drama about a couple's struggle to survive in New York. With Jack Lemmon and Anne Bancroft (93 mins)

E DISCOVERY (8)

Superbook 18:10 Hart To Hart 19:10
Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News
Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN
Headline News 21:00 Coach 21:30 6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education 12:00 Equinox 9 13:00 Air Combat 14:00 Matlock 22:20 Murder She Wrote 23:10 The 700 Club 00:00 Special Open University 16:00 Equinox 9 17:00 Air Combat 18:00 Open University 20:00 Underwater World 21:10 Nature Films 22:10 The Next Step 22:30 Connections 23:00 Underwater World 00:05 Open

■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 The Halwani Gate - Egyptian series 18:30
Panorama - Mideast Magazine
19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs
We Loved 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Nostalgia 21:15 Yehudit Ravitz sings 22:00 The Tragic Story of Marilyn Monroe 00:00 Closedown

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Science 17:00 At the Bottom of the See with Delphi 17:30 Time Out 18:00 The Shakespearean Theater 18:30 I'm Not Like That 19:00 Everything's Open - sexual equality 19:30 A Matter of Time 29:00 A New Evening water of time 20:00 A New Evening (with Russian subtitles) 20:30 Besic Arabic 21:90 Zero Hour – education magazine 21:30 Master Class 21:45 Him and Her – Plano duets played by Aryeh Vardi and Pnina Saltzman 22:30 Spirited Talks

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 ITN News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Steals and Deals 8:00 Today 10:00 Supershop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Voyager 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Dateline 22:30 ITN News 21:00 Supersort 00:00 The News 23:00 Supersport 00:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien

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6:30 - 8:00 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Super Bowi 17:00 Gold Cup soccer final 18:15 (to be announced) 19:45 US college basketball: Connecticut vs Syracuse 21:00 NBA: New York vs Chicago 22:45 Champions' League soccer

00:00 Boxing

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Figure skating 11:00 Slam 11:30 Euroski 12:00 Australian Open tennis 19:00 Live European figure tenns 15:00 Live European figure skating 22:00 European figure skating 23:00 Australian Open tennis highlights 00:00 African Nations Cup soccer: S. Africa vs Egypt; Cameroon vs Angola; Zambia vs Sierra Leone; Algeria vs Burkina

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News throughout the day 6:00 World News 6:30 Inside Politics 8:30 Moneyline 9:30 World Report 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:30 CNN Newsroom 12:30 World Report 13:00 Business Day 14:00 Business Asia 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asia News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport 18:30 Business Asia 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNN World Business 22:00 i arm King 00:00 World News 22:00 Larry King 00:00 World Business Today Update 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05
Beethoven: String quartet in C op
59/3 "Rasumovsky;" Mozart: Piano
concerto no 22; Walton: Violin concerto; Shostakovich: Quintet for
piano and strings op 57 (Lyubov,
Romylin Oth: Restele: Concerto for Borodin Qt); Bartok: Concerto for orchestra; Mozart: Andante for flute and orch K315 12:00 Light Classical and orch K315 12:00 Light Classical — works by Sibelius, Elgar and Coleridge-Taylor 13:00 Flutist Irena Grafenauer — Mozart: Quartet in C for flute, violin, viola and cello K285B; Bach: Partita in A minor for solo flute BWV 1013, Sonata in G minor for flute, harp and cello BWV 1020 14:06 Keys 16:00 Bach: Pretude and Fugue from The Well-Tempered Clavier; Boccherini: Stabat Mater; Beethoven: Symphony no 6 "Pastoral" 18:00 Bochsa: Noctume in F for oboe and harp; Chopin: Barcarolle in F sharp minor Chopin: Barcarolle in F sharp minor op 60 (Shenori, piano); Smetana: My Homeland (Periman, Sanders); Mendelssohn: 3 Songs (Proschka, Ravel: Piano trio in A minor (Zingara Trio); Myaskovsky: Lyric Concertino op 32/3 20:05 Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA cond. David Shellon. Orchestra-IBA cond. David Shallon.
Smetana: Overture and dances from
The Bartered Bride; Hindemith:
Symphonic Metamorphoses;
Brahms: Symphony no 1 23:00
Golden Generation – pupils of Carl
Flesch. Ginette Neveu – Chausson:
Poeme (NYPO/Murch); Sibelius:
Violin concerto op 47; Ravel: Piece
en forme de Habanera

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5 Type of gun—like a Lee-Enfield perhaps (6-9)

6 Indicate a mistake in the

7 Capitalist from the

14 Minute part that's edible

16 Nothing nurse is preparing for a relatively mild mental

Emerald Isle (8)

score (5,3)

disorder (8)

17 Painful worry? (8)

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS 8 Supporter of street lighting

9 Old Greek coin could be more than half obsolete, useless initially inside (6)

10 Oriental copper coin (3) . 11 Mum has more colourful device for cutting paper (8) 12 Pack some things loosely

13 Lady in confinement received 1% (5,2,3,5) 15 Home for large number of

electricity store (7)

21 What one might do when ill, organise a heat? (3,1,11)

together (6)

workers in the countryside 18 Infliction of blows from an

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may be vent (6) 3 A sign of benevolence (8,7) 4 Repeat some of the

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going round—not any more (2,6)

2 It modifies the blood and

25 Do leave Noel and Gordon 26 Vase from old city, new

27 Spot the girl's musical 28 More than half the team on

another date were exhibitated (8)

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(6)

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19 Member in European Union is unable to take flight (3) 20 Archer may get into works (7) 22 I can't disguise name on container (3-3)

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6 Everlasting (7) 7 Brushed (5) 12 Nimble (4)

21 -(3-3) 22 Slave (5) 23 Giant (5) 25 Board game (5)

QUICK CROSSWORD

1 Coarse fabric (7) 2 Young insect (5) 3 Dark-coloured (7) 4 Halm (6) 5 Abdominal pain

16 Read cursorily (3,4) 18 Rodent (7) 19 Godparent (7)

8 Panacea (4-3) 9 Getehouse (5) 10 Laughing (5) 11 Confiscate (7)

14 Jason's ship (4)

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AROUND THE WORLD

Winning numbers and cards

In last night's weekly Lotto draw-

ing, the winning numbers were 9,

15, 28, 35, 44, 46 and the addi-

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis

daily Chance card draw, the

lucky cards were the queen of

spades, queen of hearts, king of

State argues

no police

wrongdoing

in obtaining

diamonds, and ace of clubs.

tional number was 10.

THE Tel Aviv courts had never witnessed such stiff security measures as those at Yigal Amir's plea hearing yesterday morning.

Before the Tel Aviv District Court session, which started at around 8:30, only Amir's family, journalists, and court employees were permitted to enter the courtroom - and only after three stringent searches.

The Justice Ministry's security guards, along with hundreds of policemen and border policemen, packed the building, and others were posted on the roof-

On the sixth floor, where Amir's trial was held, journalists from all over the world packed the courtroom. They had to undergo a thorough search and pass through metal detectors. Even small penknives were confiscat-

Onlookers were not permitted to enter the courtroom, and instead peered over police barriers. Yigal Amir's mother did not come to the session yesterday. His distraught-looking father,

Shlomo, his sister, Hadas, and aunt, Mazal, were the only rela-

tives present.

Hadas Amir was removed

Amir trial: 'What is going on here?'

EVEN Judge Edmond Levy, after years of presiding over murder trials, had difficulty in accepting the seeming inefficiency and lack of coordination between Yigal Amir's two lawyers yester-

During the four-hour plea hearing the judge's patience wore thin, and he found himself having to intervene and explain the meaning of the charges to Amir.

"We are astonished that the lawyers have not coordinated and are even more astonished that they came today without looking over material which must have been in their possession for some time," said the judge.

Levy succinctly summed up the situation with the question, "Good God, what is going on here?"

Levy was referring to lawyers Mordechai Offri - who vesterday announced he wants to withdraw because of a conflict of inter-

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and started talking to him. After the hearing started, she was allowed back in, but police kept a constant eye on her.

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from the courtroom by police af-

ter she approached her brother

Eitan Haber, the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's bureau

chief, did turn up. At a previous court hearing he had called the Amir family "monsters" and swore to pursue them for the rest of their lives. Yesterday, however, he was quiet and seemed

As at past hearings, Amir was heavily guarded by policemen and border policemen. But if previously he had smiled, laughed, blew kisses, and waved to his family, his solitary confinement appeared to be taking its toll. He looked drawn and exhausted, and in a serious frame of mind when he talked to Judge Edmond

But an eery, broad smile ap-peared on his face every now and then, especially after he stated, with complete self-confidence, that he did not regret his action.

His smiles and silent laughter

RAINE MARCUS

then the High Court of Justice to

delay the hearing, on the grounds

that the findings of the Shamgar Commission, not yet published, will have a direct bearing on the

He also claimed he had not

His client, he stressed, gave

different versions of events "ev-

ery other day," and it was thus

impossible to consolidate the de-

fense. Both appeals were reject-

Yesterday's hearing was a

received all prosecution evidence

to prepare the defense.

shambles, with both lawyers stating they had "not had time to prepare a line of defense."

sent shudders through the journalists, policemen, and others present. "Is he crazy?" some

Although the defense would

apparently like to present a tem-

porary insanity plea, it seems

clear that Amir, as witnessed dur-

ing many previous hearings and the reenactment of the assas

tion, is clear-headed, cool and

He appears to understand ev-

Meanwhile, Herzliya police

yesterday arrested a 29-year-old

Kach member, who was carrying

two pistols, as he left the Amir

family home. The man, a fesident

of Kfar Sava, went to a WIZO

kindergarten in the area and

asked to use a phone book to

look for the Amir family's ad-

dress. When he left, WIZO em-

ployees alerted police, who

caught him as he was leaving the

Under questioning, he told po-

lice he had visited the family to

"suggest a line of defense." Only

erything going on around him and the meaning of his actions on

the night of November 4.

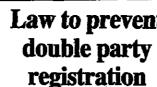
people asked..

It would be an understatement to say the inexperienced Mordeests" - and Jonathan Ray Goldchai Offri, less than two years a berg - who twice unsuccessfully lawyer, and the US-born Jonatried to postpone yesterday's plea than Ray Goldberg are at odds hearing.
Goldberg, acting alone, asked the Tel Aviv District Court and over their client's line of defense.

A distressed-looking Offri, who has repeatedly stated that he had moral difficulty accepting the case, arrived an hour and a half late for the hearing.

He has stated he would refuse to turn the trial into a political one, and that his views do not coincide with the extreme rightwing Goldberg's, nor those of Yigal Amir.

On the other hand, Goldberg has made no secret of his intent that the trial have a definite political bias. After the hearing, Goldberg denied any disagreement with Offri.



Kuesset Law Committee chairman Dedi Zucker (Meretz), who presented the bill, explained that all the parties will forward the identity card numbers of those people who enlist to the political parties registrar. The registrar will check the lists and identify those registered with more than

Law to prevent registration

THE Knesset passed a law last night aimed at preventing people from registering as members of more than one political party before the primary elections. The bipartisan-sponsored bill passed

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Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal examines one of the weapons confiscated during recent anti-terror raids by Judea and Samaria District police, on a visit yesterday to Ma'aleh Efraim's

Meshulam's gang run out of town after trying to stage protest

FOLLOWERS of Uzi Meshulam and their children tried to stage a protest at the Western Wall plaza yesterday, but were dispersed by

Pamphlets and stickers attacking Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal were confiscated, a police spokesman said.

Police forced the several dozen children and a handful of grownups out of the Old City, and then escorted the group's two buses

Police on Monday opened an investigation into Meshulam's

followers' activities, following a series of verbal attacks by the group on Shahal, whom they hanged in effigy, and reports of

plans to assassinate the minister.

Shahal said yesterday on a tour of police installations in Judea and Samaria that representatives of the State Attorney's Office would soon begin a review of the conditions under which Meshulam's followers are serving their

the attorney-general to deter-mine whether the Prisons Service is justified in keeping the followers together in one cell as they wish, Shahal said.

Meanwhile, Shahal's wife, Sara, told Channel 1 yesterday that she fears for her husband's life, especially since seeing the televised report of young chil-dren taught to chant for his

"The phenomena [of indoctrifrightening," she said.

information

from Friedan EVELYN GORDON ACCUSED wiretapper Rafr ment against him be canceled is groundless, because police did nothing wrong by asking his part-ner, Ya'acov Tsur, to secretly record him without telling him that

Tsur had turned state's evidence, the state told the High Court of Justice yesterday. In a petition to the court, filed by attorney Avigdor Feldman, Friedan had asked that his indictment on some 40 counts of wiretapping be canceled, because the police broke the law by not telling him that Tsur had turned state's evidence. They then violated lawyer-client confidentiality by having Tsur tape conversa-

tition charged.
Attorney Shai Nitzan, responding for the state, rejected

tions between Friedan and his attorney, Mordechai Katz, the pe-

He said Friedan's rights had not been violated, because the police did not make use of any of the taped conversations in the indictment against him.

The tapes, he said, were meant solely to obtain evidence against Ma'ariv publisher Ofer Nimrodi, who had commissioned Friedan and Tsur to wiretap about 100 individuals and companies, and whom the police therefore considered the primary criminal.

Many of the taped conversations dealt with Nimrodi's payments to the two, via Katz, to persuade them not to reveal his involvement, Nitzan continued.

These payments totaled some \$6,000 a month for each of them. However, lawyer-client confidentiality does not cover crimes in the process of being committed, so these conversations were not protected, Nitzan said.

The confidentiality law would not apply in any case, however, because confidentiality is required only of the lawyer - not of third party, such as Tsur, who happened to be present, Nitzan added. Nitzan did not respond to Feldman's charge that Friedan should have been informed of the state's evidence agreement with Tsur, however.

Nitzan also argued that even if all of Feldman's charges were correct, the petition should be rejected, for two reasons: The High Court does not intervene in procedural decisions of a lower court, and Israeli law does not recognize police misbehavior as a reason for throwing out an indictment before the case has been

Shamgar, Dubois win Israel Prize

HELEN KAYE

FORMER Supreme Court president Meir Shamgar, 71, and Fa-ther Marcel Dubois, 76, were yesterday named winners of the 1996 Israel Prize for lifetime achievement for their contribution to state and society.

Shamgar was a Supreme Court justice for more than 20 years and served as the court's president for 12. He currently heads the commission investigating prime min-ister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. Shamgar, the judges said, had contributed definitively to the rule of law and human rights in Israel

Born in Danzig, Shamgar immigrated with his family in 1939. He studied law at London University and was both IDF judge advocate general and attorney-

general before his appointment to the Supreme Court. The French-born Dubois entered the Dominican order at age 18, was ordained in 1946, and

THE unpleasant conditions to which administrative detainers

are subject are dictated by Pris-

ons Service regulations, the

Knesset State Control Commit-

tee was told yesterday. MK Uzi Landau (Likud), who

mitiated the committee discus-

sion on administrative deten-

tions, noted that right-wing de-

tainee Shmuel Cytryn is allowed

visits from family members only

once a week, for two hours - and

this only because of a hunger

strike. Prior to the strike, his

family visits were limited to half

Similarly, Cytryn was initially allowed only 10 minutes a day on

the phone, which was upped to

half an hour a day after the hun-

ger strike. He is unable to get a

newspaper, cigarettes or outside food - despite the fact that all of

these things are theoretically due

him - and he has not been able to

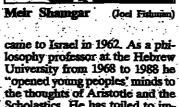
pray with a minyon, Landau said.

Eliahu Abram of the Associa-

tion for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) noted that these restric-

an hour every two weeks.







"opened young peoples' minds to the thoughts of Aristotle and the Scholastics. He has toiled to im-

EVELYN GORDON

tions are especially disturbing be-

cause administrative detainees

have not even been indicted,

much less convicted, and there-

fore must be presumed innocent.

They should therefore be given

many more privileges than ordinary prisoners, he said.
Supreme Court Justice Aharon
Barak made the same point last

week in his verdict rejecting Cy-

tryn's petition for release from

detention. However, Shmuel Po-

littes, the army's legal adviser in

Judea and Samaria, said this was

not in the army's control, because

Prisons Service regulations gov-

em such things as how often ad-

ministrative detainees can see

Both Landau and Abram also

charged that there seems to be a

orders, often without considering

ways to minimize the damage to

the subject. Landan cited the

case of Un Amsalem, who was

ordered to stay at home after 7

their families.

(Joel Fishman)

Christian and Jewish worlds," the judges said.



Dubois, the judges added, has linked his fate to that of the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

Panel told of condition of detainees p.m. This was changed to 8:30

p.m. only after a legal battle, he

Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) said he had expected to be reassured that the army was balancing security requirements with the need to protect civil rights. However, he said; the impression he received was that it was ignoring the issue of rights altogether. Unless this impression is corrected at a second meeting on the subject, the committee will ask State Comptroller Miniam Ben-Porat to mvestigate, he said.

Meanwhile, under pressure from Supreme Court Justice Zvi Tal, the state yesterday agreed to let David Shirel, who has been confined by administrative order to his home in Hebron, travel to Jerusalem once a week for work wholesale use of administrative until a final decision on Shirer's petition to the High Court. Last week, Tal had issued a show cause order on the petition, which asked that Shirel be allowed to travel freely to Jerusalem.

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